

CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY

Today's Date: _____

Do you already know what job you would like to have when you grow up?

- **Yes** What is it? _____
- **No** Well, that's perfectly ok. You are about to have a chance to discover some of your options.

Whether you know what you want to do or not, please take the career interest inventory below. By answering the next 60 questions, you will be able to either confirm your idea or identify some possible jobs for you based on your interests.

What's your career interest area?

For each item listed below, choose the activity you would rather do. It does not matter if you love them both or hate them both – you still must pick the one you would rather do, then **circle** it.

WOULD YOU RATHER:

1. B. study the weather
 E. coach basketball
2. J. write a book about something you like
 H. find out why someone is sick and take care of them
3. G. keep business records for a company
 B. solve pollution problems
4. A. design an office building
 C. work on a farm
5. D. fight fires
 G. use a calculator to add up how much a company makes each day

6. G. help customers in a bank
A. assemble or repair a car or the space shuttle
7. G. run a telephone switchboard
H. help people decide where to go on vacation
8. E. scout baseball players for a minor league team
G. deliver and distribute mail
9. A. drive a truck/operate a forklift
D. solve a burglary
10. C. be in charge of replanting a forest
D. supervise police officers
11. G. create letters and spreadsheets for the president of a company
H. cut and style hair
12. A. assemble electronic parts for computers
E. run a tennis camp
13. K. teach school
G. sell TV, radio or newspaper ads
14. E. be in charge of timers at a track meet
D. guard prisoners
15. J. teach drama
B. conduct chemistry experiments to test the strength of plastics
16. C. train dogs
D. be in charge of security for a company

- 17. A. operate a bulldozer or other heavy equipment
I. repair computers
- 18. F. help someone unemployed find a job
H. greet and help hotel guests
- 19. H. be the host/hostess in a restaurant
F. work with people in a mental health clinic
- 20. I. write a computer program
E. keep score for a sporting event
- 21. C. manage a cattle ranch
J. teach art
- 22. B. do DNA testing on blood
D. give traffic tickets to law violators
- 23. A. prepare drawings using computer aided drafting (CAD)
G. show and sell houses and land
- 24. A. design mechanical and electrical systems for airplanes
G. sell cars
- 25. H. work as a flight attendant for an airline
K. hire people for a company
- 26. J. design a poster using a computer
D. guard money in an armored car
- 27. C. do surgery to cure a sick animal
B. do tests on blood in a medical laboratory

- 28. G. sell clothes or sporting goods
 - A. build a stereo from a blueprint
- 29. K. argue cases in front of a judge
 - I. develop a web page
- 30. H. collect tickets at a movie or play
 - E. referee a sporting event
- 31. A. weld parts together to build a missile
 - I. set up computer systems
- 32. K. be a TV newscaster
 - J. play a musical instrument
- 33. B. fill prescriptions in a pharmacy
 - F. help take care of elderly people
- 34. G. sell supplies to doctors
 - K. raise money for charity
- 35. D. enforce fish and game laws
 - K. work to get someone elected
- 36. F. take care of children at a day care center
 - E. teach aerobics
- 37. J. take pictures for a newspaper or magazine
 - A. use a machine to make a rocket part
- 38. B. determine the age of fossils
 - A. test and check products to make sure they were made correctly

- 39. B. calculate the time it takes to fly to Mars
 - I. test new computer programs
- 40. H. do ladies nails
 - D. be someone's bodyguard
- 41. F. help someone with a personal problem
 - H. serve meals to customers
- 42. B. design medical equipment for a hospital
 - I. design computer systems
- 43. J. write for a newspaper
 - K. buy/sell stocks in the stock market
- 44. C. take care of animals
 - F. help the disabled
- 45. H. help people loose weight
 - F. be an emergency medical technician (EMT)
- 46. I. link computers in an office
 - B. study the planets
- 47. K. run a department in a large company
 - C. manage a fish hatchery
- 48. J. model for an artist or photographer
 - E. teach ice-skating
- 49. I. surf the Internet
 - J. design a new product that will be made in a factory

- 50. K. coach a high school sports team
- E. teach swimming
- 51. F. help feed people in a hospital
- H. drive a taxi
- 52. B. test people to see if they need glasses
- C. do experiments with plants and animals
- 53. I. teach computer classes
- K. be a politician
- 54. D. check buildings for fire hazards
- F. run a health program
- 55. C. operate a lawn care service
- D. make an arrest
- 56. E. teach people to ski
- F. help patients make injured arms and legs stronger
- 57. C. plant and trim trees
- E. operate a bowling alley
- 58. K. line up concerts for the Von Braun Center (VBC)
- I. troubleshoot computer problems
- 59. J. draw and paint signs and billboards
- H. drive a limousine
- 60. J. pick and announce the music for a radio station
- I. determine what computers a company should buy

CAREER INTEREST AREAS

The Career Interest Areas listed below can help you match your interest with possible careers. Each Career Interest Area has hundreds of occupations, some of which are listed in more specific categories within the area. Browse through them and see if anything interests you. For more information or a complete listing of occupations, refer to an Occupational Outlook Handbook. (See your counselor or librarian.)

MECHANICAL/INDUSTRIAL - Any career involved in the process of inventing and/or creating a product from raw material

- **Design/Engineering** – AutoCAD, architect, engineering
- **Production** – machinist, welder, quality control, shipping/receiving, electronics technician, solderer
- **Automotive** – paint & body, technician
- **Construction** – carpenter, plumber, electrician, brick mason, concrete finisher, sheetrock installer, heavy equipment operator

SCIENTIFIC – Any career which involves the art of proving or solving any natural existence or phenomenon.

- **Life** – biologist, surgical technician
- **Physical** – chemistry, meteorologist, pharmacist, environmental scientist,

PLANTS/ANIMALS – Any career involving caring for animals or working the land

- **Plants** – botanist, farmer, landscape technician, parks & recreation worker,
- **Animals** – veterinarian, fish & game warden, zoo keeper

PROTECTIVE – Any career in which you work to prevent/stop crime or guard people from harm, injury or attack

- **Law Enforcement** – policeman, state trooper, FBI, CIA, ATF
- **Fire** – fireman, investigator, dispatcher

PHYSICAL/PERFORMING – Any career revolving around the use of a person's athletic ability

- **Physical/Performing** – athlete, coach, trainer, scout, referee

HUMANITARIAN – Any career in which one cares for another person by assisting them either physically, emotionally or mentally

- **Medical** – doctor, nurse, emergency medical technician, physical therapy
- **Social Services** – counselor, sociologist, day care worker, minister

BUSINESS – Those careers that are necessary in all companies to manage money, hire staff, buy supplies, etc.

- **Operations** – human resources, accounting, purchasing
- **Retail/Wholesale** – customer service rep, stocker, visual merchandiser

ACCOMMODATING – Any career in which you meet a personal need, provide a service for or are willing to help others

- **Food & Lodging** – chef, waiter/waitress, host/hostess, concierge, caterer
- **Special Event Planners** – travel agent, convention/visitors bureau
- **Personal Services** – cosmetologist, manicurist, flight attendant

COMPUTER/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Any career in which you create or maintain computer hardware or software

- **Programmer** – software engineer, website developer, graphic artist
- **Network** – systems analyst, network administrator

ARTISTIC - Any career involving the use of creative juices to convey a message through picture, song or action

- **Art** – painting, sculpting, photography
- **Performing Arts** – dance, music, acting
- **Computer related** – graphic artist, website developer

LEADING/INFLUENCING – Any career in which you affect how people vote, learn, spend, invest and live

- **Law** – lawyer, paralegal, judge
- **Financial** – banker, stock broker
- **Government** – politician, lobbyist
- **Education** – teacher, administrator, counselor
- **Non-Profit agencies** – fund raiser, event planner, marketing (Red Cross, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development)

