

Career Interest Survey

In order to choose a career that will give you personal satisfaction, you must spend some time thinking about what really interests you. This activity helps you match your interests to different types of careers. For each item, circle the letter of the activity you would rather do. It doesn't matter if you like both of them a lot or dislike both of them a lot; just pick the one you would rather do, and circle that letter.

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| A – Operate a printing press | E – Make three-dimensional items | L – Build kitchen cabinets |
| B – Study the causes of earthquakes | D – Analyze handwriting | N – Refinance a mortgage |
| C – Plant and harvest crops | B – Design indoor sprinkler systems | A – Sing in a concert |
| R – Replace a car window and fender | F – Run a factory sewing machine | R – Direct the takeoff/landing of planes |
| E – Analyze reports and records | G – Develop personnel policies | G – Operate a cash register |
| F – Operate a machine | Q – Train racehorses | B – Collect rocks |
| G – Work in an office | D – Guard an office building | G – Start a business |
| H – Answer customer questions | H – Run a department store | L – Draft a blueprint |
| D – Write reports | A – Write for a newspaper | M – Assess student progress |
| J – Help former prison inmates find work | G – Use a calculator | L – Design an airplane |
| L – Design a freeway | O – Help people at a mental health clinic | O – Wrap a sprained ankle |
| M – Plan educational lessons | L – Remodel old houses | I – Guide an international tour group |
| N – Balance a checkbook | M – Care for young children | P – Solve technical problems |
| O – Take an X-ray | D – Locate a missing person | J – Provide spiritual guidance to others |
| P – Write a computer program | N – Plan estate disbursements/payments | Q – Manage a veterinary clinic |
| Q – Train animals | P – Enter data | K – Lead others |
| C – Be in charge of replanting forests | A – Design a book cover | E – Operate heavy equipment |
| A – Act in a TV show or movie | E – Build toys with written instructions | Q – Manage a fish hatchery |
| D – Solve a burglary | B – Figure out why someone is sick | F – Assemble cars |
| F – Check products for quality | R – Fly an airplane | K – Protect our borders |
| E – Build an airport | C – Learn how things grow and stay alive | A – Play an instrument |
| G – Keep company business records | H – Sell cars | J – Plan activities for adult day care |
| F – Put together small tools | I – Work as a restaurant host or hostess | C – Research soybean use in paint |
| P – Design a website | D – Fight fires | J – Provide consumer information |
| M – Tutor students | G – Keep payroll records for a company | D – Guard money in an armored car |
| Q – Work at a zoo | J – Work in a nursing home | B – Study human behavior |
| J – Take care of children | G – Hire new staff | E – Fix a television set |
| O – Plan special diets | O – Run ventilators/breathing machines | M – Run a school |
| A – Choreograph a dance | R – Drive a taxi | F – Fix a control panel |
| K – Lobby or show support for a cause | A – Broadcast the news | J – Help friends with personal problems |
| H – Sell clothes | K – Audit taxes for the government | C – Oversee a logging crew |
| E – Work with your hands | B – Sort and date dinosaur bones | B – Study weather conditions |
| I – Work at an amusement park | O – Give shots | R – Pack boxes at a warehouse |
| N – Sell insurance | C – Design landscaping | A – Teach dancing |
| I – Learn about ethnic groups | P – Give tech support to computer users | O – Sterilize surgical instruments |
| P – Manage an information system | D – Work in a courtroom | B – Study soil conditions |
| N – Appraise the value of a house | Q – Care for injured animals | N – Play the stock market |
| M – File books at the library | I – Serve meals to customers | C – Protect the environment |

- M – Grade papers
- R – Operate a train
- L – Order building supplies
- E – Paint motors
- P – Develop new computer games
- H – Buy merchandise for a store
- K – Work to get someone elected
- C – Identify plants in a forest
- D – Guard inmates in a prison
- L – Read blueprints
- H – Line up concerts for a band
- K – Ask people survey questions
- E – Manage a factory
- O – Work as a nurse in a hospital
- A – Paint a portrait
- K – Testify before Congress
- B – Work with a microscope
- I – Schedule tee times at a golf course
- C – Classify plants
- O – Transcribe medical records
- F – Install rivets
- Q – Raise worms
- N – Balance accounts
- M – Develop learning games
- J – Read to sick people
- P – Repair computers
- F – Compare sizes and shapes of objects
- Q – Fish
- R – Repair bicycles
- K – Deliver mail
- M – Teach Special Education
- P – Set up a tracking system
- G – Manage a store
- H – Advertise goods and services
- R – Distribute supplies to dentists
- I – Compete in a sports event
- I – Check guests into a hotel
- M – Teach adults to read
- L – Follow step-by-step instructions
- N – Collect past due bills
- R – Inspect cargo containers
- F – Work in a cannery
- I – Coach a school sports team
- P – Update a website
- Q – Hunt
- K – Enlist in a branch of the military
- H – Sell sporting goods
- J – Cut and style hair
- B – Experiment to find new metals
- N – Work in a bank
- G – Work with computer programs
- N – Loan money
- L – Hang wallpaper
- D – Make an arrest
- O – Deliver babies
- H – Persuade people to buy something
- H – Stock shelves
- I – Serve concession stand drinks

Career Evaluation

Count the number of times you circled each letter and record each number in the chart below.

A:	D:	G:	J:	M:	P:
B:	E:	H:	K:	N:	Q:
C:	F:	I:	L:	O:	R:

Now that you have the results from your career interest assessment, it's time to learn about specific career fields that match your interests.

Write down the two letters with the most responses. These are your top two areas of career interest. If you have a tie, list three:

Find and read the description of your top area of career interest on the next page. Then, record your interest area(s) here:

Career Interest Areas

- A. Arts, A/V Technology and Communications:** Interest in creative or performing arts, communication or A/V technology.
- B. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics:** Interest in problem-solving, discovering, collecting and analyzing information and applying findings to problems in science, math and engineering.
- C. Plants, Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Interest in activities involving plants, usually in an outdoor setting.
- D. Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security:** Interest in judicial, legal and protective services for people and property.
- E. Mechanical Manufacturing:** Interest in applying mechanical principles to practical situations using machines, hand tools or techniques.
- F. Industrial Manufacturing:** Interest in repetitive, organized activities in a factory or industrial setting.
- G. Business, Management and Administration:** Interest in organizing, directing and evaluating business functions.
- H. Marketing, Sales and Service:** Interest in bringing others to a point of view through personal persuasion, using sales or promotional techniques.
- I. Hospitality and Tourism:** Interest in providing services to others in travel planning and hospitality services in hotels, restaurants and recreation.
- J. Human Services:** Interest in helping others with their mental, spiritual, social, physical or career needs.
- K. Government and Public Administration:** Interest in performing government functions at the local, state or federal level.
- L. Architecture, Design and Construction:** Interest in designing, planning, managing, building and maintaining physical structures.
- M. Education and Training:** Interest in planning, managing and providing educational services, including support services, library and information services.
- N. Finance, Banking, Investments and Insurance:** Interest in financial and investment planning and management, and providing banking and insurance services.
- O. Health Sciences, Care and Prevention:** Interest in helping others by providing diagnostic, therapeutic, informational and environmental services, including researching and developing new health care services.
- P. Information Technology (IT):** Interest in the design, development, support and management of hardware, software, multimedia, systems integration services and technical support.
- Q. Animals, Agriculture and Natural Resources:** Interest in activities involving the training, raising, feeding and caring for animals.
- R. Transportation, Distribution and Logistics:** Interest in the movement of people, materials and goods by road, pipeline, air, railroad or water.

Career Evaluation

Now that you know what career areas may interest you, explore some of the careers that fall in those categories below. Do you see any occupations you want to know more about? If so, those are the careers you might want to research as future occupations.

Agriculture, Animals and Natural Resources

Agricultural Engineer
Agricultural Scientist
Animal Trainer
Chef
Conservation Scientist
Farm Equipment Mechanic
Fish and Game Warden
Forester
Veterinarian
Zoologist

Architecture and Construction

Architect
Cabinetmaker
Carpenter
Construction Manager
Electrician
Civil Engineer
General Construction Worker
Highway Maintenance Worker
Interior Designer
Sheet Metal Worker
Surveying and Mapping Technician

Arts, A/V Technology and Communications

Actor
Art Director
Broadcast Technician
Camera Operator
Composer and Music Arranger
Film and Video Editor
Cartographer
News Reporter
Photographer
Producer and Director
Set and Exhibit Designer
Technical Writer
Graphic Designer

Business, Management and Administration

Accountant
Advertising Manager
Computer Operator
Court Reporter
Management Analyst
Meeting and Convention Planner
Payroll Clerk
Property and Real Estate Manager
Shipping and Receiving Clerk
Statistician

Education and Training

Audio/Visual Specialist
Coach and Sports Instructor
College/University Administrator
Teacher/Professor
Librarian
Public Health Educator
Special Education Teacher
Speech Pathologist

Finance

Accounting Clerk
Appraiser
Credit Analyst
Credit Checker
Economist
Financial Counselor
Insurance Adjuster and Examiner
Insurance Agent
Loan Officer
Tax Preparer

Government and Public Administration

City Planning Aide
Construction/Building Inspector
Interpreter and Translator
License Clerk
Occupational Health Specialist
Tax Examiner

Health Sciences

Anesthesiologist
Athletic Trainer
Chiropractor
Dentist
Emergency Medical Technician
Physical Therapist
Occupational Therapist
Pharmacist
Physician
Registered Nurse

Hospitality and Tourism

Baggage Porter and Bellhop
Chef and Dinner Cook
Food Service Worker
Hotel Manager
Janitor/Housekeeper Supervisor
Reservation and Ticket Agent
Restaurant Manager
Tour Guide
Travel Agent

Human Services

Child Care Worker
Clergy
Cosmetologist
Counselor
Funeral Director
Manicurist
Professional Makeup Artist
Financial Adviser
Psychologist
Residential Counselor
Social Worker

Information Technology (IT)

Computer/Information Systems Manager
Computer Engineer
Computer Programmer
Computer Security Specialist
Computer Support Specialist

Computer Systems Analyst
Data Communications Analyst
IT Mechanic

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Coroner
Corrections Officer
Court Clerk
Detective and Investigator
Firefighter
Judge
Lawyer
Life Guard and Ski Patrolman
Police Patrol Officer

Manufacturing (Mechanical/Industrial)

Chemical Engineer
Forklift Operator
Gas and Oil Plant Operator
Jeweler
Locksmith
Metal/Plastic Processing Worker
Office Machine Repairer
Power Plant Operator
Shoe and Leather Worker
Welder

Marketing, Sales and Services

Advertising Salesperson
Buyer and Purchasing Agent
Customer Service Representative
Floral Designer
Market Research Analyst
Public Relations Specialist
Real Estate Agent
Sales Manager
Telemarketer

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Aerospace Engineer
Biologist
Chemist
Electrical and Electronics Engineer
Geographer
Petroleum Engineer
Mechanical Engineer
Meteorologist
Physicist
Safety Engineer

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Air Traffic Controller
Airplane Pilot
Automobile Mechanic
Flight Attendant
Motorboat Mechanic
School Bus Driver
Subway and Streetcar Operator
Traffic Technician
Transportation Agent