

CAREER - Career Cluster Interest Inventory

Assessing Interests

Exercise 1: CAREER INTERESTS

This activity helps you match your interests with types of careers. For each of the 86 items below, 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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| 1. A. Operate a printing press
B. Study the causes of earthquakes | 15. A. Choreograph a dance
K. Lobby for a cause | 29. B. Figure out why someone is sick
R. Fly an airplane |
| 2. C. Plant and harvest crops
R. Replace car window and fender | 16. H. Sell clothes
E. Work with hands | 30. C. Learn how things grow and stay alive
H. Sell cars |
| 3. E. Measure and grade logs
F. Run a machine | 17. I. Work at an amusement park
N. Broker Insurance | 31. I. Work as a restaurant host or hostess
D. Fight fires |
| 4. G. Work in an office
H. Answer customer questions | 18. I. Learn about ethnic groups
P. Manage an information system | 32. G. Keep payroll records for a company
J. Work in a nursing home |
| 5. D. Write reports
J. Help someone just out of prison find a job | 19. N. Appraise the value of a house
M. File books at the library | 33. G. Hire new staff
O. Operate ventilators - help people breathe |
| 6. L. Design a freeway
M. Plan educational lessons | 20. E. Make three-dimensional items
D. Analyze handwriting | 34. R. Drive a taxi
A. Be a news broadcaster |
| 7. N. Balance a checkbook
O. Take an x-ray | 21. B. Design sprinkler systems for new building
F. Run a factory sewing machine | 35. K. Work for the IRS
B. Sort and date dinosaur bones |
| 8. P. Write a computer program
Q. Train animals | 22. G. Develop personnel policies
Q. Train racehorses | 36. O. Give shots
C. Design landscaping |
| 9. C. Be in charge of replanting forests
A. Act in television and movies | 23. D. Work as a security guard
H. Work in a department store | 37. P. Provide technical support for computer users
D. Work in a courtroom |
| 10. D. Solve a burglary
F. Check products to make sure they were made right | 24. A. Write for a newspaper
G. Use a calculator | 38. Q. Care for injured animals
I. Serve meals to customers |
| 11. E. Build an airport
G. Keep business records for a company | 25. O. Help people at a mental health clinic
L. Remodel old houses | 39. L. Build kitchen cabinets
N. Refinance a mortgage |
| 12. F. Put small tools together
P. Design a website | 26. M. Care for young children
D. Locate a missing person | 40. A. Sing in a concert
R. Direct the take off /landing of planes |
| 13. M. Tutor students
Q. Work at a zoo | 27. N. Plan estate disbursement
P. Enter data | 41. G. Operate a cash register
B. Collect rocks |
| 14. J. Take care of children
O. Plan special diets | 28. A. Design a book cover
E. Assemble toys following written instructions | 42. G. Start own business
L. Draft a blueprint |

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| 43. M Assess student progress
L Design an airplane | 58. M. Grade papers
R. Be a railroad engineer | 73. M. Teach Special Education
P. Set up a tracking system |
| 44. O. Wrap a sprained ankle
I. Guide a tour group out of the country | 59. L. Order building supplies
E. Paint motors | 74. G. Manage a store
H. Advertise goods and services |
| 45. P. Work on solving technical problems
J. Be a minister | 60. P. Develop new computer games
H. Buy merchandise for a store | 75. R. Distribute supplies to dentists
I. Compete in a sports event |
| 46. Q. Manage a veterinary clinic
K. Lead others | 61. K. Work to get someone elected
C. Identify plants in a forest | 76. I. Check guests into a hotel
M. Teach reading to adults |
| 47. E. Operate heavy equipment
Q. Manage a fish hatchery | 62. D. Guard inmates in a prison
L. Read blueprints | 77. L. Follow step by step instructions
N Work at a collection agency |
| 48. F. Assemble cars
K. Protect our borders | 63. H. Line up concerts for a band
K. Ask people questions for a survey | 78. O. Deliver babies
H. Persuade people to buy |
| 49. A. Play an instrument
J. Plan activities for adult day care | 64. E. Manage a factory
O Work as a nurse in a hospital | 79. R. Inspect cargo containers
F. Work in a cannery |
| 50. C. Research soybean use in paint
J. Provide consumer information | 65. A. Paint a portrait
K. Testify before Congress | 80. I. Coach a school sports team
P. Set up a website |
| 51. D. Guard money in an armored car
B. Study why people do the things they do | 66. B. Work with a microscope
I. Make tee times at a golf course | 81. Q. Hunt
K. Enlist in a branch of the service |
| 52. E. Fix a television set
M. Be an instructor at a school | 67. C. Classify plants
O. Transcribe medical records | 82. H. Sell sporting goods
J. Cut and style hair |
| 53. F. Fix controls on a control panel
J. Help a friend with a personal problem | 68. F. Install rivets
Q. Raise worms | 83. B. Conduct experiments to find new metals
N. Be a bank teller |
| 54. C. Oversee a logging crew
B. Study weather conditions | 69. N. Balance accounts
M Develop learning games | 84. G. Work with computer programs
N. Loan Money |
| 55. R. Pack boxes at a warehouse
A. Teach dancing | 70. J. Read to sick people
P. Repair computers | 85. L Hang wallpaper
D. Make an arrest |
| 56. O. Sterilize surgical instruments
B. Study soil conditions | 71. F. Compare sizes and shapes of objects
Q. Fish | 86. H. Stock shelves
I. Serve drinks at a concession stand |
| 57. N. Play the stock market
C. Protect the environment | 72. R. Repair bicycles
K. Deliver mail | |

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Exercise 2: CAREER EVALUATION

Step 1: Go back through Exercise 1 and look at the letters you circled. Count the number of times you circled the letter “A” for your response. Write that number next to the “A” in the table below.

Next count the number of times you circled the letter “B” for your response. Write that number next to the “B” in the table. Continue counting and recording your responses until you have completed the table.

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Step 2: Now 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.)

Step 3: Read the description of your top area of career interest on page 4. Record your interest and the Career Cluster it is listed under.

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CAREER INTEREST AREAS

Listed below are 16 Career Clusters and the areas of career interest related to each.

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

- C. Plants:** Interest in activities involving plants usually in an outdoor setting.
- Q. Animals:** Interest in activities involving the training, raising, feeding, and caring for animals.

Architecture & Construction

- L. Designing and Building:** Interest in designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining physical structures.

Arts, Audio-Video Technology & Communications

- A. Artistic:** Interest in creative or performing arts, communication or A/V technology

Business, Management & Administration

- G. Business Detail:** Interest in organizing, directing and evaluating business functions

Education & Training

- M. Teaching:** Interest in planning, managing, and providing education and training services, including support services, library and information services.

Finance

- N. Banking, Investments, and Insurance:** Interest in financial and investment planning & management and providing banking and insurance services.

Government & Public Administration

- K. Administration:** Interest in performing government functions at the local, state or federal levels

Health Science

- O. Care and Prevention:** Interest in the providing help to others by providing diagnostic, therapeutic, informational and environmental services, including researching and developing new health care services.

Hospitality & Tourism

- I.** Interest in providing services to others in travel planning, hospitality services in hotels, restaurants, and recreation services

Human Services

- J.** Interest in helping others with their mental, spiritual, social, physical, or career needs.

Information Technology

- P.** Interest in the design, development, support and management of hardware, software, multimedia, systems integration services, and technical support

Law, Public Safety & Security

- D.** Interest in judicial, legal and protective services for people and property.

Manufacturing

- E. Mechanical:** Interest in applying mechanical principles to practical situations using machines, hand tools, or techniques.
- F. Industrial:** Interest in repetitive, organized activities in a factory/ industrial setting.

Marketing, Sales & Service

- H.** Interest in bringing others to a point of view through personal persuasion, using sales/ promotional techniques.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

- B.** Interest in discovering, collecting, and analyzing information and applying findings to problems in science, math and engineering

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- R.** Interest in the movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, railroad and water

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