Lesson 8: Career Choices

DIFFERENT JOBS

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Directions: Below is a list of 12 different jobs and a description of each.

Read about each job. Check the box for each job that interests you. What other jobs can you name? List them below.

☐ Artist: creates visual or performance art

☐ Architect: plan and design houses, factories, buildings, and other structures.

☐ Biologist: studies living things in their natural habitats

☐ Chef: oversee the daily food preparation at restaurants and other places

☐ Environmental Scientist: conduct research to protect the environment

☐ Entrepreneur: starts and runs a business providing a product or service

☐ Fashion Designer: create original clothing, accessories, and footwear

☐ Financial Analyst: make recommendations about investments

☐ Lawyer: help people who need legal advice

☐ Mechanical Engineer: designs, builds, and tests machines

☐ Nurse: care for patients and administer medicine.

☐ Pharmacist: dispense prescription medications to patients

☐ Social Worker: help people solve and cope with problems in their lives

☐ Social Media Marketer: designs marketing communications for businesses

☐ Veterinarian: diagnose, treat, and research medical conditions of animals

☐ Web Developer: design and create websites
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INTEREST SURVEY

Name: __________________________________________

**Directions:** Put a check in the box next to statements that describe you. Then write down any other interests and skills (things you are good at) on the lines below. When you are done, use the information to research different career choices based on your interests.

- I care about people and their problems.
- I enjoy taking care of animals.
- I like to design and build things.
- I enjoy being outdoors and studying nature.
- I like to take things apart to figure out how they work.
- I am interested in taking care of the environment.
- I enjoy using computers and learning new programs.
- I am good at math and like to solve problems.
- I like figuring out the answers to complex problems.
- I am good at drawing, and interested in art.

What other interests and skills do you have that are not on the list?
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SALARY AND EDUCATION

Name: ________________________________

**Directions:** Read the information below about the salary and college education.

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<tr>
<th>Career</th>
<th>Average Salary</th>
<th>Level of Higher Education</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pharmacist</td>
<td>$124,170</td>
<td>Doctoral or professional degree</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mechanical Engineer</td>
<td>$85,880</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree</td>
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<td>Statistician</td>
<td>$84,760</td>
<td>Master’s degree</td>
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<td>Architect</td>
<td>$78,470</td>
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<td>Web Developer</td>
<td>$67,990</td>
<td>Associate’s degree</td>
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*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

1. What kind of degree does a statistician need?
   a. Associate’s  
   b. Bachelor’s  
   c. Master’s

2. On average, how much more does a pharmacist make than a web developer?

3. What do the jobs listed above have in common?
Lesson 1: Money Matters

Directions: What Money Smart lesson did you learn today? Write the lesson’s topic and what you learned on the lines below. Then draw a picture about it in the “Draw About It” box.

Topic: ____________________________________________

Draw About It

Write About It