

### Choosing a career

There are as many kinds of careers **1.** ( of , as , and ) there are people. They vary **2.** ( greatly , bigger , large ) in the type of work involved and in the ways they influence a person's **3.** ( life , lives , live ). The kind of career you have can affect your life in **4.** ( lots , many , a lot ) ways. For example, it can determine **5.** ( who , which , where ) you live and the friends you make. It can reflect how much education you **6.** ( have , has , doesn't have ) and can determine the amount of money you **7.** ( collects , earn , spend ) . Your career can also affect the way you feel about yourself, and the way other people act towards you. By **8.** ( taking , having , making ) wise decisions concerning your career, you can help yourself build the life you want. To make wise career **9.** ( decisions , choice , agreements ) and plans, you need as much information as possible. The more you know about yourself and career opportunities, the better able you will be to choose a **10.** ( satisfaction , satisfied , satisfying ) career.

People differ in what they want from a career. Many people desire a high **11.** ( money , income , profit ) . Some hope for fame. Others want adventure. Still others want to serve people and make the world a better place. **12.** ( Before , Although , Whereas , ) you begin to explore career fields, you should determine your values, your interests, and your abilities. Most people are happiest in jobs that fit **13.** ( his , their , them ) values, interests, and aptitudes. Each person has many values, which vary in strength. For example, money is the strongest value for some people – that is, **14.** ( health , strength , wealth ) is more important to them than anything else. As a result, they focus their thoughts, behaviour, and emotions on the goal of **15.** ( earning , growing , paying ) a high income. Other values include devotion to religion, taking risks, spending time with family, **16.** ( with , and , but ) helping others.

People should understand their values prior to making a career **17.** ( decisions, decided, decision ). You can develop an understanding of your **18.** ( income , values , career ) by asking yourself what is most important to you and by examining your beliefs. For example, is it important to you to work **19.** ( as , in , on ) a member of a team? Or would you rather be in charge or work alone? **20.** ( Therefore , Because , If ) working alone or being in charge is important to you, independence is probably one of your primary values.