

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.