

# 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:

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

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# 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