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Audio Script

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Listen to the following words in a lecture. Match each vocabulary word with the corresponding definition. Write the letter on the line.

Example	Definition
Approximately _____	**A** Making products in a factory
Concerned _____	**B** Relating to doctors and medicine
Economy _____	**C** Something that is needed
Labor _____	**D** Work done by people.
Manufacturing _____	**E** A common change in the way people behave.
Medical _____	**F** Relating to the body
Physical _____	**G** Nearly, but no exactly
Rank _____	**H** Feeling worried or anxious
Requirement _____	**I** Order of importance.
Trend _____	**J** The system of producing, buying, and selling goods and services.

Lecturer: If you'll be graduating from high school or _____in the next year or two, then I'm sure you're very _____about finding a job. There are two questions that young people like you always ask me. First, what are the best jobs going to be? And second, how can I _____ myself to get one of those good jobs? Well in the next few minutes, I want to try to answer these questions for you, and I hope this information will help you make the right choices about your future _____.

Let's start with a little history. In the last 100 years, there's been a big change in the United States job market, from a manufacturing economy to a service economy. What does that mean? Well, in a _____economy people make things, like cars or furniture, or clothes. In a _____ economy, people do things. Uh, they cut your hair, they fix your shoes, they sell you a computer. Uh, airline pilots, doctors, restaurant workers – all of these are examples of service workers. OK? So again, my point is that the number of manufacturing jobs has been going _____for quite a long time. Now why do you think that is? What's the cause?

Student 1: Um. I think automation, you know, robots, computers…

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Lecturer: That's one reason, yes. Because of _____, we're able to manufacture goods by using _____instead of human workers. As a result, thousands of manufacturing jobs don't exist anymore. OK, can you think of another reason?

Student 2: Foreign _____. I mean… most manufacturing is done outside of the U.S. now, in countries where the labor costs are _____.



Lecturer: Yes, that's right. Many American _____ have moved their jobs overseas to places like China, India, and Latin America, where workers are willing to work for much less pay than they would receive in the United States. According to the United States government, approximately six _____manufacturing jobs have disappeared since 2000. And that trend is definitely going to continue as we move further into the 21st century.

But now let's talk about service jobs. Here the trend is exactly the opposite. At the same time that the _____of manufacturing jobs is decreasing, the number of service jobs is _____going to grow by more than 30 million just in the next ten years! Now, would everybody please look at the handout I gave you, which shows a list of the _____ that will grow the fastest between the years 2016 and 2026. If you study the list carefully, you'll see that most of the jobs on the list are in three categories: _____ and medical care, computers, and green energy technologies. Let me say a few words about each of these categories.

Lecturer: First, health care. More than half of the jobs on the list are in the field of health care. Uh, medical assistants, physician assistants, physical therapists, home health-care aides – these are just a few examples. According to the United States Department of Labor, the number of health-care jobs will _____by almost 10 million in the next ten years. And why is that? Simple. We're going to need more medical services because people are living longer and longer. Also, because of developments in medical technology, people with serious illnesses are able to live much longer than they could in the past. And many of them _____ lot of special care and medical help.

All right, now, getting back to the list, you can see that there will be an increase in jobs related to computers. We're going to need people who can create new _____and keep computer networks secure, and in addition, there will be lots of jobs for people who design and manage computer _____. As you know, computers are used in everything these days from rockets to online banking to coffee machines. So, it's no surprise that the number of jobs in the computer industry is expected to grow by over 30 percent in the next ten years.

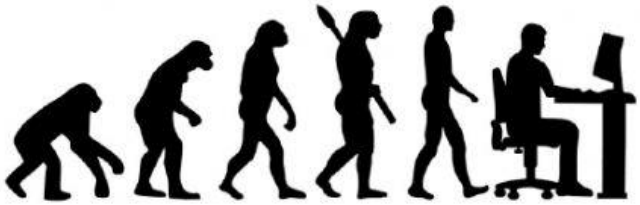


Now, let me explain the third category: green energy technologies. Some examples of jobs in this group are _____ panel installers, wind turbine technicians, and even bicycle repairers. The main reason for the huge growth in this category is that many families and businesses are concerned about the environment and are switching to renewable _____sources. Also, in recent years, the costs for solar panels and wind turbines have fallen, so they are becoming more popular.

OK, now, while we're looking at the list, there's one more thing I'd like you to notice. Look at all the jobs that have a _____rank of 1. OK? And what do you notice about the educational requirements for those jobs? That's right. They all _____ at least a Bachelor of Arts degree.

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So, in conclusion, let me go back to the two questions I mentioned at the beginning of this talk. First, where will the good jobs be? We've seen today that the areas of greatest growth will be in the fields of health care, computers, and _____technologies. If you still haven't decided which career you want to follow, you should think about getting a job in one of these fields. However, it's important to remember that many service jobs don't _____ very well. The better-paying jobs usually require some education. So, the answer to the second question – how you can prepare yourself to get a good job – is simple. Get the necessary training or education in a growing career field. Depending on the career of your _____, that could mean a college degree, vocational training, or other courses to develop your skills. Good luck to all of you!





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