

Clues to Your Career



Grab your magnifying glass and your Sherlock Holmes hat. There may be a big mystery in your life right now: What do you want to be when you grow up? Even if you have ideas, you can find new clues by looking closely at your life. What do you do for fun? What are your favorite school subjects?

What volunteer work do you like most?

Though your skills and interests may change over time, you have some talents that come naturally. Maybe you enjoy taking care of pets, learning about nature or science, or performing in front of crowds. These are important clues to finding a job you'll love.

Investigate your life to solve your career mystery. Circle all of your skills and work preferences. Then use these clues to summarize your ideas below. Have fun discovering your dream job!

I am good at ...

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|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| building things | inventing | selling |
| computers | leading | setting goals |
| consulting | learning languages | sewing |
| cooking | listening | sign language |
| crafting | making music | singing |
| creativity | math | solving puzzles |
| drawing | memorizing | sports |
| encouraging others | organizing | taking pictures |
| exploring nature | planning | teaching |
| fixing things | public speaking | working with animals |
| gardening | reading | working with younger kids |
| hand/eye coordination | researching | writing |
| helping others | resolving conflicts | _____ |
| interviewing people | science experiments | _____ |

I enjoy working ...

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| alone | in a city |
| with a big group | in a rural area |
| with a few people | in a classroom |
| with the public | in a lab |
| as a leader | indoors |
| as part of a team | outdoors |
| in the morning | on a set schedule |
| at night | on a flexible schedule |
| at a desk | _____ |
| on my feet | _____ |
| in a busy place | _____ |
| in a quiet place | _____ |

I like to work with people who are ...

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|--------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| adventurous | curious | helpers | optimistic | responsible |
| artistic | detailed | idealistic | organized | sensitive |
| athletic | energetic | imaginative | outgoing | serious |
| confident | enthusiastic | independent | planners | studious |
| cooperative | flexible | logical | practical | talkative |
| creative | friendly | musical | quiet | _____ |
| culturally diverse | funny | nature lovers | realistic | _____ |

My dream job would include ...

Using these skills: _____

With people who are: _____

In this kind of environment: _____

Possible dream jobs for me: _____