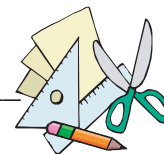


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Which Occupation Is for You?

Deciding on a career is a very difficult task. It is said that each one of us, regardless of our intelligence level, can handle approximately 100 occupations efficiently. It is important then, that we understand ourselves so that we may channel our strengths in the right direction. Answer the questions below to see if they reveal anything about you that will make choosing an occupation easier for you.

Pretend that you are 30 years old, married, and have one child. You are attending your high school reunion. This is the first time you have seen any of your classmates since you left school. Someone asks where you work. List five occupations you would like to have. Please be realistic.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

Now, answer the following questions about the occupations you listed:

1. What is the major characteristic that makes this set of occupations appealing to you?
2. Answer the following questions regarding these occupations. Use the occupation file in WOIS or the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) to help you find specific job information.
 - a. What personality traits would be important to possess?
 - b. What is the lowest level of education that you could have?
 - c. Does the work require physical ability or is the work mainly mental?
 - d. Did the salary influence your decision?

3. Which of the personality traits that you feel are needed for these occupations do you possess? These traits can be identified by using the ASVAB, Career Game, Myers-Briggs, CAPS/COPS/COPEs, or Guide to Occupational Exploration (GOE).
4. Are your educational goals set high enough to qualify you for the occupation you want?
5. Are the courses you are taking in high school adequate for your career goals?
6. Write a composition in which you indicate your occupational choice, the qualities you possess that make this a practical choice, and how you will prepare yourself for this position.

Use the WOIS occupation file to help you find specific job information.