

ACTIVITY Interests, Passions, Skills, Abilities: Where Will They Lead You?

Use these questions to brainstorm on your future career:

1. If I could have any job right now, it would be _____, because _____.
2. If I could choose anything to study in college, I would major in _____, because _____.
3. My family and friends always say I'm good at _____, because _____.
4. If I had a free Saturday to "work" on something, I'd choose _____, because _____.
5. If I were going to be famous someday, I'd like to be known for _____, because _____.

Are there any common themes to your answers?

Your answers might point to a career helping others, using math and science, being active, being artistic, working outdoors, working with your hands, or making money.

Next, check learnmoreindiana.org, indianacareerexplorer.com, bls.gov/ooh or mynextmove.org to research outlooks, education requirements and salaries of at least three careers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Ask if you can "shadow" them on the job to see what their work is like. Job shadow experiences are one of the best ways to find out if a career is right—or totally wrong—for you.

Who could you ask to shadow at work?

List names and occupations.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Do It

The best way to find out about different careers is to ask people—family, neighbors, friends, teachers, and counselors—about their education and career experiences.