Career exploration can begin by simply thinking about what activities you enjoy doing today. The activities in this brochure are grouped under six categories. Check the boxes in front of the activities you enjoy and consider yourself good at. Then pick at least one category that has more checks than others. Then look at the occupations listed below the groups you pick, and see if any career appeals to you.

What if I can’t decide?
No problem and no worries! The point of this exercise is simply to help you use your imagination to think of jobs you might like to have.

What activities and what jobs on this list spark your interest? Ask your parents and your teachers and counselors about those. See what you can find out. You can also call the Career Information Hotline at the Texas Workforce Commission at 1-800-822-PLAN (7526) to get information on any career.

Good luck and have fun!

I Like To Help Others

- Help people with problems
- Work with young people
- Work in groups
- Do volunteer work
- Serve others

I can ...
- Cooperate well with others
- Express yourself clearly
- Plan and supervise activities
- Mediate disputes
- Teach/train others
- Lead a discussion

I might make a good ...
- Teacher
- Registered Nurse
- Physician
- Law Enforcement Official
- Physical Therapist
- Firefighter
- Counselor
- Social Worker
- Paramedic
- Veterinarian
- Chiropractor
- Psychologist
- Interpreter/Translator
- Funeral Director

I Like To ORGANIZE

- Collect or organize things
- Be responsible for details
- Follow clearly defined procedures
- Work with numbers
- Type/use computers
- Build things

I can ...
- Work well within a system
- Keep accurate records
- Write effective business letters
- Use a computer
- Organize a room
- Do paperwork quickly

I might make a good ...
- Financial Advisor
- Construction Manager
- Human Resources Manager
- Management Analyst
- Nursing Instructor
- Administrative Assistant
- Training and Development Manager
- Urban Planner

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I Like To Think & Ask Questions

I like to ...
- Work independently
- Use computers
- Perform lab experiments
- Read technical journals
- Analyze data
- Do research
- Be challenged
- Understand theories

I can ...
- Think abstractly
- Understand scientific theories
- Do complex calculations
- Use computers at an advanced level
- Solve math problems
- Use a microscope
- Interpret formulas

I might make a good ...
- Engineer
- Financial Manager
- Pharmacist
- Accountant
- Police Detective
- Optometrist
- Economist
- Oral Surgeon
- Judge
- Editor
- Meteorologist
- Forensic Scientist
- Agricultural Scientist
- Fire Investigator

I Like To Take Action

I like to ...
- Work outdoors
- Use your hands
- Tinker with machines/vehicles
- Work on electronic equipment
- Be physical
- Go camping
- Build things
- Tend/train animals

I can ...
- Fix electronic things
- Solve mechanical problems
- Read a blueprint
- Operate tools and machinery
- Set up camp
- Play a sport
- Plant a garden

I might make a good ...
- Aircraft Technician
- Industrial Mechanic
- Dental Hygienist
- Electrical Engineer
- Welder
- Plumber
- Truck Driver
- Health Information Technician
- Stone Mason
- Graphic Designer
- Roofer
- Court Reporter
- Athlete

I Like To Create Things

I like to ...
- Read fiction, plays, poetry
- Express myself creatively
- Deal with complex ideas
- Attend concerts, theaters, art exhibits
- Work on crafts
- Take photographs

I can ...
- Sketch, draw, paint, sing, act, dance
- Play a musical instrument
- Write stories, poetry, music
- Design fashions
- Design interiors

I might make a good ...
- Marketing Manager
- Web Developer
- Interior Designer
- Architectural Engineer
- Multimedia Animator
- Dance Choreographer
- Music Composer
- Chef
- Landscape Architect
- Jeweler
- Makeup Artist
- Barber
- Floral Designer

I Like To Persuade People

I like to ...
- Meet influential people
- Win competitions or contests
- Make decisions affecting others
- Start your own service or business
- Campaign politically
- Be elected to office
- Be recognized as an expert or leader

I can ...
- Sell things or promote ideas
- Give talks or speeches
- Convince people to do things or think your way
- Initiate projects
- Lead a group

I might make a good ...
- Lawyer
- Financial Advisor
- Advertising Manager
- Marketing Specialist
- Real Estate Broker
- Property Manager
- Insurance Agent
- Public Relations Specialist
- Political Lobbyist
- Radio/TV Announcer
- Coach
- Legislator