## DEFINITIONS

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<th><strong>Occupation:</strong></th>
<th>the name for a unique set of tasks, skills and abilities that a worker performs. Many workers can be in the same occupation.</th>
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<td><strong>Job:</strong></td>
<td>the set of tasks done for a specific employer</td>
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<td><strong>Industry:</strong></td>
<td>a business or group of businesses making similar types of goods or services</td>
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<td><strong>Employer:</strong></td>
<td>the person or company who pays a worker for doing a job</td>
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1. **What occupations** do your family members have?

2. **What are some employers** in your community?

3. **What kind of jobs** can be done in a hospital?
Careers in the Information Technology cluster are usually very technical. People in these occupations work with computers and lots of information. They may work in almost any business where computers are used. They may develop or design computer programs and hardware. You can be a web master, programmer or database administrator and be in this career cluster.

Sample Careers

1. Help Desk Technician
2. Webmaster
3. Cable TV Installer
4. Computer Programmer
5. ________________

Can you think of another?


WORK ENVIRONMENT

Think about the environment you may want to work in. On each line, circle the environment you like better.

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<td>Work indoors</td>
<td>Work outdoors</td>
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<td>Work with people</td>
<td>Work with information</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>Work in office</td>
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<td>Work with hands</td>
<td>Work with mind</td>
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<td>Work by myself</td>
<td>Work in groups</td>
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<td>Work during the day</td>
<td>Work at night</td>
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<td>Work in busy places</td>
<td>Work in quiet places</td>
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<td>Wear a uniform</td>
<td>Wear street clothing</td>
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<td>Make things</td>
<td>Sell things</td>
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<td>Communicate with words</td>
<td>Utilize math skills</td>
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<td>Work 12 months a year</td>
<td>Work seasonally</td>
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<td>Work the same schedule each day</td>
<td>Work a variable schedule</td>
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<td>Give directions to others</td>
<td>Take directions from others</td>
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<td>Work with humans</td>
<td>Work with animals</td>
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<td>Work under pressure</td>
<td>Work without deadlines</td>
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Can you think of any career or careers that have most of your favored environments?
Careers in the Law, Public Safety & Security cluster help protect the people living in the community. They may work in law offices, police stations, fire stations or jails. You can be a sheriff, judge, emergency medical technician (EMT) or warden and be in this career cluster.

Sample Careers

1. Lawyer
2. Security Officer
3. Firefighter
4. Police Officer
5. Can you think of another?
Every occupation uses a unique set of tools. Find your way through the maze by taking the route with a firefighter’s tools.
Careers in the Transportation, Distribution & Logistics cluster move people, material and goods safely. People in these occupations can work with cars, busses, trucks, trains, boats and airplanes. They may work in the air, on the ocean or on highways moving things from one place to another. You can be a taxi driver, engineer, air traffic controller or mechanic and be in this career cluster.

Sample Careers

1. Ship Captain
2. Automotive Mechanic
3. School Bus Driver
4. Airplane Pilot
5. 

Can you think of another?
MULTIPLE ROLES

Every person plays more than one role in life. Can you identify some of your roles?

I am the child of ____________________________.
I am the student of ____________________________.
I live in the community of ____________________________.
I am a member of ____________________________.
I am a player of ____________________________.
I am an owner of ____________________________.
I am a relative of ____________________________.

__________________________ is a teacher at my school.
__________________________ is a person in my neighborhood.
__________________________ is a member of my family.
__________________________ is a member of my team.
__________________________ is a member of my class.
Careers in the Manufacturing cluster involve turning raw materials into final consumer products. People in these occupations can work with big machines, precision tools and computers to assemble parts or build products. They may work in large buildings, outdoors or in warehouses. You can be many types of engineer, machine operator, electrician or quality control technician and be in this career cluster.

Sample Careers
1. Chemical Equipment Operator
2. Machinist
3. Welder
4. Electronic Assembler
5. 

Can you think of another?
**ASSEMBLY LINE**

Assembly lines are where factories make products and each person is responsible for making a different part of it or putting pieces together. At the end, someone inspects it for accuracy.

What would it be like to work on an assembly line making 20 greeting cards?

Get in a group with 8 people. Each person will be in charge of one task.

**TASKS**

1. Fold construction paper in half.
2. Color 4 daisy flowers yellow.
3. Color 4 stems green
4. Cut out flowers and stems.
5. Glue flowers on inside of card.
6. Write 'Have A Great Day!' inside card.
7. Write on back of card 'Made in USA'.
8. Inspect card for accuracy. Ones with errors go back to be corrected.

What are the pros and cons of working on an assembly line?

What things around you do you think were made on an assembly line?

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Careers in the Government & Public Administration cluster work in our local, state and federal government. They help people get government services such as driver’s licenses and building permits. They enforce regulations so that roads and bridges are built safely and air and water remain clean. People in these occupations work with the public and are sometimes elected into their jobs. They may work in offices or even in the outdoors. You can be an elected official like the President or mayor, or be a tax collector, highway maintenance worker or mail carrier and be in this career cluster.

Sample Careers
1. Highway Maintenance Worker
2. Postal Mail Carrier
3. Water Treatment Operator
4. City Manager
5. Can you think of another?