

Career Interest Survey

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DATE _____

An interest assessment helps identify careers you would enjoy

What activities interest you? Where do your career interests fall? Take the following career interest survey to help you target some general types of careers that interest you from the hundreds of possibilities.

1. Assess how well you'd like to do each work-related activity on pages 2-3 by circling a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale provided on each page.
2. Remove the answer sheet on page 4 to score your assessment. Follow the instructions on the answer sheet.
3. Once you've determined your primary, secondary and third highest interest areas using your answer sheet, find the corresponding interest areas below. Since people work better in occupations that match their interests and personality, these occupations are grouped to reflect what people with these interest areas like to do.
 - Artistic "Creators" These individuals are artistic and like change. They enjoy using their imagination, creativity, feelings and intuition. They like working in jobs where they are free to set their own schedule.
 - Conventional "Organizer" These individuals are detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.
 - Enterprising "Persuader" These individuals like to influence, persuades or leads people and manages others. They enjoy working on a team toward goals, competition and business-like activities.
 - Investigative "Thinker" These individuals are interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.
 - Realistic "Doer" These individuals prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants, or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors, and working with their hands.
 - Social "Helper" These individuals like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.
4. To expand your career interest research, use the results of this survey to look into specific jobs that you would like to do.

1. Design an office building. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Broadcast the evening news. 1 2 3 4 5
3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards. 1 2 3 4 5
4. Control air traffic at an airport. 1 2 3 4 5
5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school. 1 2 3 4 5
6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant. 1 2 3 4 5
7. Evaluate the results of a new program. 1 2 3 4 5
8. Develop or make changes in computer systems. 1 2 3 4 5
9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings. 1 2 3 4 5
10. Fight fires. 1 2 3 4 5
11. Treat people who have hearing disorders. 1 2 3 4 5
12. Help people develop financial plans. 1 2 3 4 5
13. Photograph people or nature scenes. 1 2 3 4 5
14. Prepare materials for museum collections and exhibits. 1 2 3 4 5
15. Estimate damage to motor vehicles. 1 2 3 4 5
16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water. 1 2 3 4 5
17. Manage a farm or ranch for another owner. 1 2 3 4 5
18. Help a customer choose clothes. 1 2 3 4 5
19. Treat diseases in animals. 1 2 3 4 5
20. Solve problems by applying mathematical formulas or models. 1 2 3 4 5
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck. 1 2 3 4 5
22. Keep a building clean and orderly. 1 2 3 4 5
23. Help individuals prevent mental health problems. 1 2 3 4 5
24. Teach in an elementary or high school. 1 2 3 4 5
25. Work in a library. 1 2 3 4 5
26. Teach art, drama or music at a college. 1 2 3 4 5
27. Help people when they have problems using their computer. 1 2 3 4 5
28. Compute and record numbers correctly. 1 2 3 4 5
29. Coordinate the activities of a bank. 1 2 3 4 5
30. Sell goods or services to others. 1 2 3 4 5

Use this Scale

1-Dislike very much 2-Dislike

3-Not sure

4-Like

5-Like very much

31. Test computer equipment. 1 2 3 4 5
32. Perform medical laboratory tests. 1 2 3 4 5
33. Trim trees. 1 2 3 4 5
34. Care for animals in a kennel. 1 2 3 4 5
35. Assist a dentist. 1 2 3 4 5
36. Help patients feed or dress themselves. 1 2 3 4 5
37. Create handmade objects for sale. 1 2 3 4 5
38. Select and take care of costumes for theater casts or entertainers. 1 2 3 4 5
39. Sort mail for delivery. 1 2 3 4 5
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses. 1 2 3 4 5
41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention. 1 2 3 4 5
42. Be responsible for the operation of a motel. 1 2 3 4 5
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools. 1 2 3 4 5
44. Analyze physical evidence related to crimes. 1 2 3 4 5
45. Paint the inside of a house. 1 2 3 4 5
46. Service aircraft engines. 1 2 3 4 5
47. Lead worship services. 1 2 3 4 5
48. Help a patient relearn to walk. 1 2 3 4 5
49. Play a musical instrument. 1 2 3 4 5
50. Arrange flowers. 1 2 3 4 5
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials. 1 2 3 4 5
52. Prepare and file correspondence. 1 2 3 4 5
53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale. 1 2 3 4 5
54. Defend someone in a trial. 1 2 3 4 5

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| 55. Diagnose and treat illnesses. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 86. Be a reporter for a newspaper. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 56. Treat dental problems. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 87. Interview people for bank loans. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 57. Build a garage. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 88. Receive and pay out money in a bank. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 58. Operate a combine. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 89. Administer the activities of a hospital. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 59. Guard important property. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 90. Help passengers on a flight. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 91. Make exact measurements and determine property boundaries. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 61. Perform in a play. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 92. Study the weather. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 62. Write a novel. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 93. Enforce laws. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 63. Answer questions and obtain information needed by customers. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 94. Monitor ventilation in a building. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 64. Register and assign rooms to motel guests. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 95. Conduct tours. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 65. Interpret laws. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 96. Help clients get available benefits and services. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 66. Help prepare legal documents. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 97. Design a set for a play. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 67. Research problems related to farm crops or farm animals. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 98. Model clothes at a fashion show. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 68. Teach biology in a college. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 99. Process and maintain medical records of patients. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 69. Repair VCR and CD players. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 70. Assemble or rebuild machines. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 101. Help people buy or sell a house. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 71. Keep order in a court of law. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 102. Cut and style peoples' hair. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 72. Serve food to others. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 103. Develop computer equipment for commercial use. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 73. Direct a motion picture. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 104. Study the physical aspects of the earth. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 105. Pilot a passenger airplane. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 75. Make travel reservations for others. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 106. Trim, cut or prepare meat for customers. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 76. Dispatch work crews to work sites. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 107. Be a principal in a school. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 77. Investigate crimes. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 79. Treat eye diseases and injuries. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 80. Study human behavior. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 81. Process photographs. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 82. Lay pipe for a water main. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 83. Care for children in your home. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 84. Help people choose a career path. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |
| 85. Teach dance. | 1 2 3 4 5 | | |

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3–Not sure

4–Like

5–Like very much

Interest Survey Answer Sheet

Name_

Date_

Use this answer sheet to score the results of your interest survey. Transfer your responses for each of the numbered items on pages 2 and 3 to the blanks provided. Add your responses for each of the six interest areas and circle the three groups with the highest total scores. Refer back to the instructions on page 1 for suggestions on using your results.

Artistic Interest Area	Conventional Interest Area	Enterprising Interest Area	Investigative Interest Area	Realistic Interest Area	Social Interest
<u>Area</u> Item 1 _	Item 3 _	Item 5 _	Item 7 _	Item 9 _	Item 11 _
Item 2 _	Item 4 _	Item 6 _	Item 8 _	Item 10 _	Item 12 _
Item 13 _	Item 15 _	Item 17 _	Item 19 _	Item 21 _	Item 23 _
Item 14 _	Item 16 _	Item 18 _	Item 20 _	Item 22 _	Item 24 _
Item 25 _	Item 27 _	Item 29 _	Item 31 _	Item 33 _	Item 35 _
Item 26 _	Item 28 _	Item 30 _	Item 32 _	Item 34 _	Item 36 _
Item 37 _	Item 39 _	Item 41 _	Item 43 _	Item 45 _	Item 47 _
Item 38 _	Item 40 _	Item 42 _	Item 44 _	Item 46 _	Item 48 _
Item 49 _	Item 51 _	Item 53 _	Item 55 _	Item 57 _	Item 59 _
Item 50 _	Item 52 _	Item 54 _	Item 56 _	Item 58 _	Item 60 _
Item 61 _	Item 63 _	Item 65 _	Item 67 _	Item 69 _	Item 71 _
Item 62 _	Item 64 _	Item 66 _	Item 68 _	Item 70 _	Item 72 _
Item 73 _	Item 75 _	Item 77 _	Item 79 _	Item 81 _	Item 83 _
Item 74 _	Item 76 _	Item 78 _	Item 80 _	Item 82 _	Item 84 _
Item 85 _	Item 87 _	Item 89 _	Item 91 _	Item 93 _	Item 95 _
Item 86 _	Item 88 _	Item 90 _	Item 92 _	Item 94 _	Item 96 _
Item 97 _	Item 99 _	Item 101 _	Item 103 _	Item 105 _	Item 107 _
Item 98 _	Item 100 _	Item 102 _	Item 104 _	Item 106 _	Item 108 _
Total _	Total _	Total _	Total _	Total _	Total _

My primary interest area *(area with the highest total score)*

My secondary interest area *(area with the second highest total score)*

My third interest area *(area with the third highest total score)*
