

# Career Planning Get Started



Name \_\_\_\_\_

In order to find a career that's a good match for you, you need to first take a look at who you are. You need to think about what you're good at, what activities you enjoy, and what's important to you.

**To get started, fill in the blanks below.**

1. What are your two favorite school subjects? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name two hobbies or activities you enjoy. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name one thing you do better than most of your friends. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name one talent or skill that you have? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you want a career that requires  
\_\_\_ one year (or less) of education after high school?  
\_\_\_ two to four years of additional education?
6. Put a ✓ by the statements that reflect how you feel. Put an X by those that are not true for you. Skip those you feel neutral about.

*I would like to have a career that would allow me to...*

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ___ work with children       | ___ work with animals         |
| ___ help people who are sick | ___ make a difference         |
| ___ work outdoors            | ___ work with computers       |
| ___ travel                   | ___ talk or perform in public |
| ___ work with my hands       | ___ work indoors              |
| ___ work by myself           | ___ create art or music       |
| ___ be in charge             | ___ work in nature            |
| ___ work at a desk           | ___ be physically active      |
| ___ build or fix things      | ___ make a lot of money       |
| ___ work with numbers        | ___ work with other people    |

7. Which careers are you interested in learning more about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Whether you have a good idea about what career you want to pursue or have no idea, the resources on the Career Planning shelf will help you plan and prepare for a career. Print out the "Your SchoolShelf Progress" page, and use it to identify and keep track of the resources you want to read.*