



Student report

The Career Investigator

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introduction

Have you thought about your career yet?

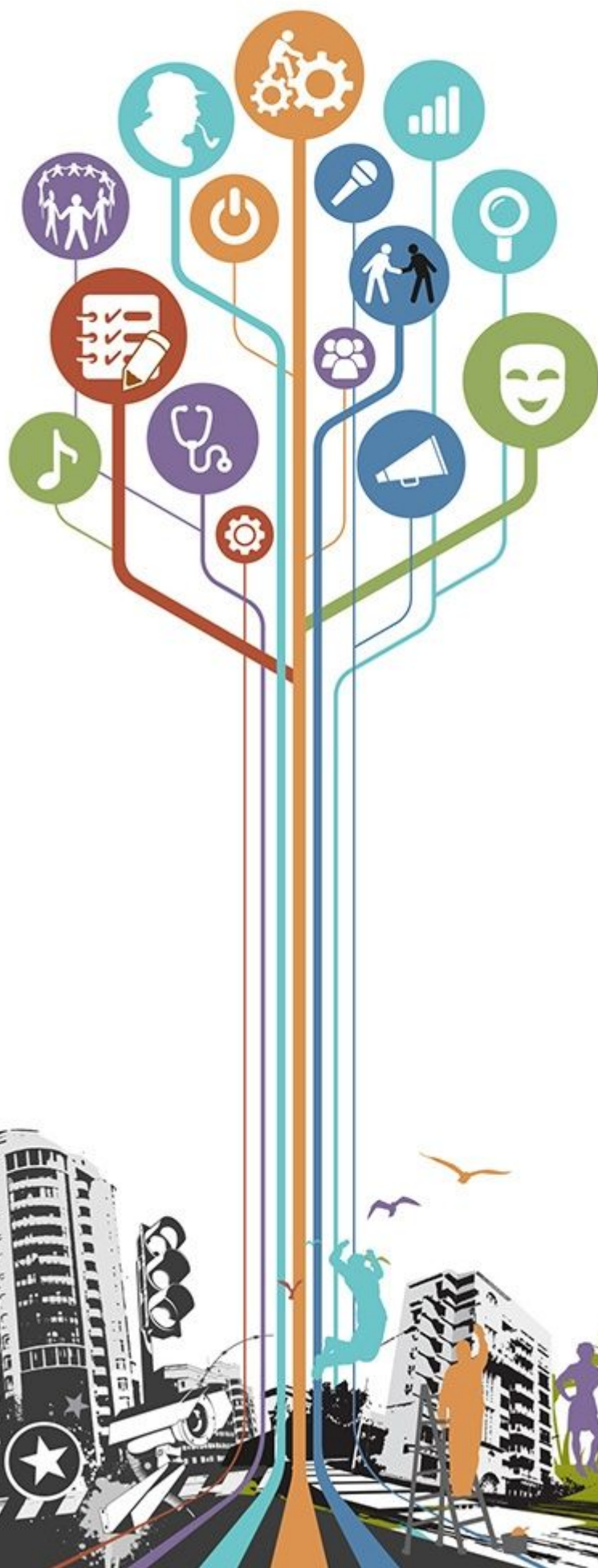
Do you have any ideas about the kind of jobs you might want to do? Could you see yourself as an entrepreneur running your own business? Do you like the idea of working in technology or in the arts? Are you scientifically minded or do you like the idea of something practical, adventurous or creative?

Some people have clear ideas, others have no idea. But there are hundreds of possible jobs - many of which you may not have heard of and many of which may not have even existed ten years ago.

How the Career Investigator can help you

The answers you gave to the questionnaire suggest that some things are far more interesting to you than others. The next few pages give examples of jobs that may fit your interest - some of which you may have already thought of, others that might spark your curiosity and possibly others that do not appeal at all!


This is a great way to start thinking about your career which can guide you when making important decisions (such as which subjects to choose and what qualifications to seek). More information about specific jobs can be found on some of the websites suggested at the end of this report.






a summary of your results

Jobs and careers can be divided up into 6 different 'career themes'. Each theme involves a large number of jobs that are similar to each other. Your results are shown in the graph below. The length of the arrows in the graph shows which career themes seem to interest you most.

THINKING & INVESTIGATING 


- Understanding things by analysing them
- Using logical reasoning and working with theories
- Working independently to solve complex problems

CREATING & EXPRESSING 


- Being original, intuitive, imaginative.
- Expressing yourself with creative ideas
- Looking for new ways of expressing ideas

COMMUNICATING & HELPING 

- Working in teams with other people
- Having contact with others and enjoying communicating
- Helping other people


PERSUADING & INFLUENCING 

- Influencing others by persuasion
- Working towards goals and targets
- Seeking opportunities for personal advancement

DOING & IMPLEMENTING 

- Being active, practical and hands-on
- Working with things rather than ideas or people
- Seeing things happen and getting things done



PLANNING & ORGANISING 

- Using clearly defined systems and methods
- Organising and administrating things and people
- Keeping to schedules and monitoring progress

The themes you were most interested in are explained in more detail in the next three pages.

Remember though - being interested in a theme does not necessarily mean that you have skills in that area.





Doing and Implementing



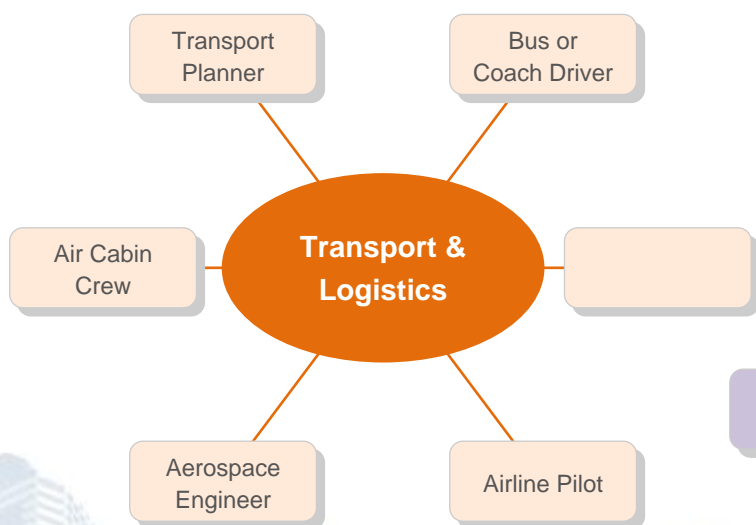
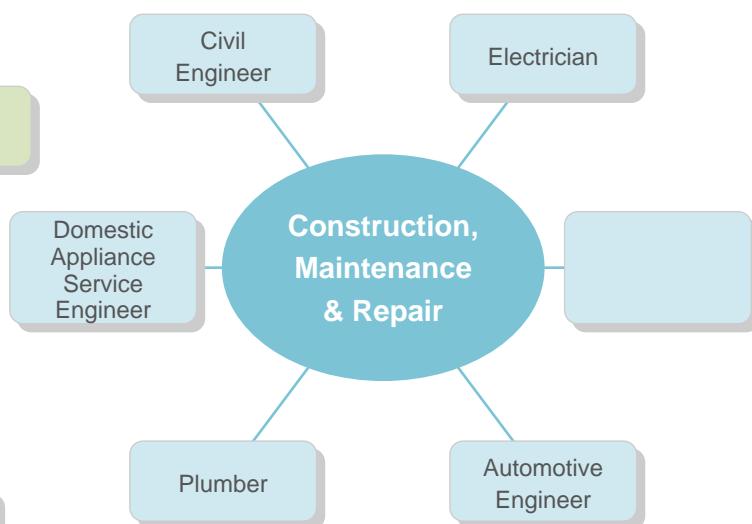
Your results show that 'Doing and Implementing' is the career theme in which you were most interested. This theme can be sub-divided into a number of job families and these are shown in the oval shapes below. For each job family, five examples of typical jobs are shown and you can click on the jobs to find out more about them.

Jobs and careers in this area are concerned with getting things done, often by taking a practical or physical approach.

People who have jobs in this area enjoy building and repairing things, often using tools, machinery and equipment. They value common sense and enjoy being 'down-to-earth', straightforward and self-reliant.

This involves being active and making things happen both indoors and outdoors in diverse areas such as sports, construction, nature and agriculture.

For each job family, there is also an empty box. Can you think of a job in this area which really appeals to you that you could write down in this box?



Two other job families not shown here are 'Agriculture, Food, Ecology & Natural Resources' (e.g. 'Landscape Architect', 'Agricultural Scientist') and Customer Facing Services, Retail & Hospitality(e.g. 'Estate Agent' and 'Customer Service Agent').



Creating and Expressing



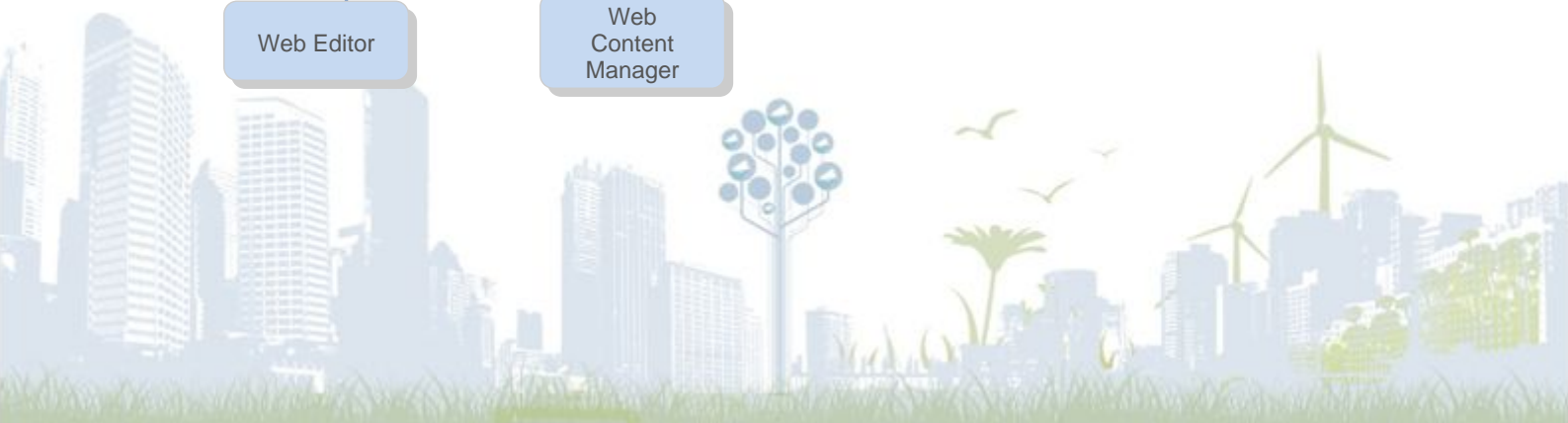
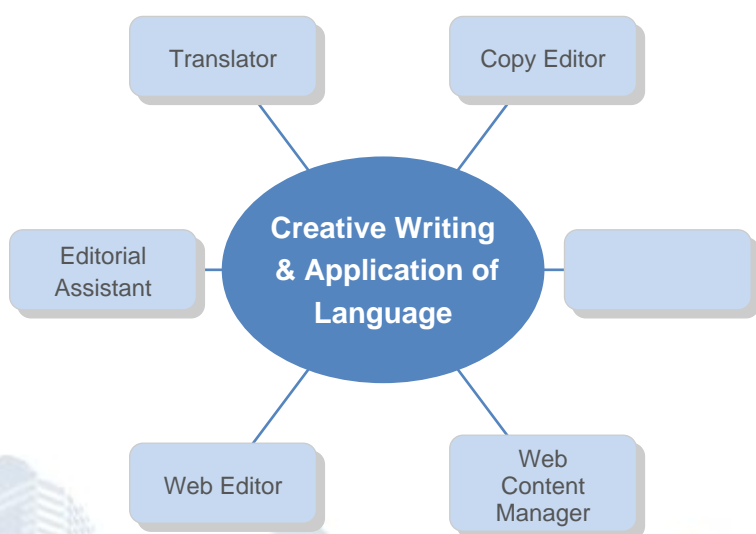
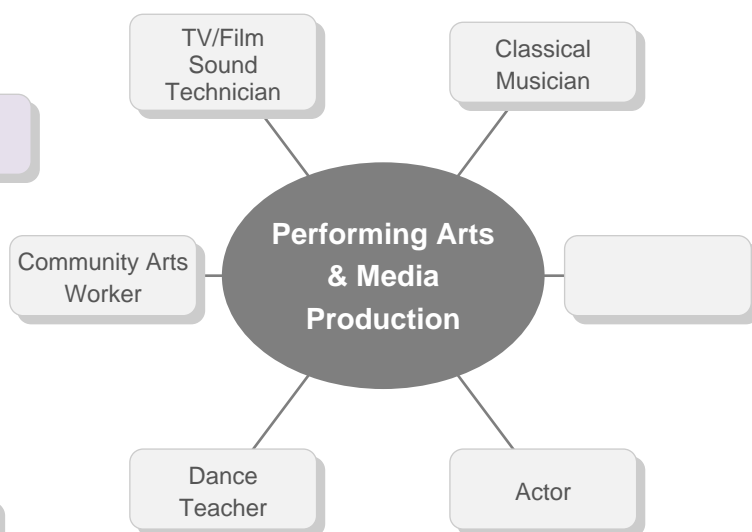
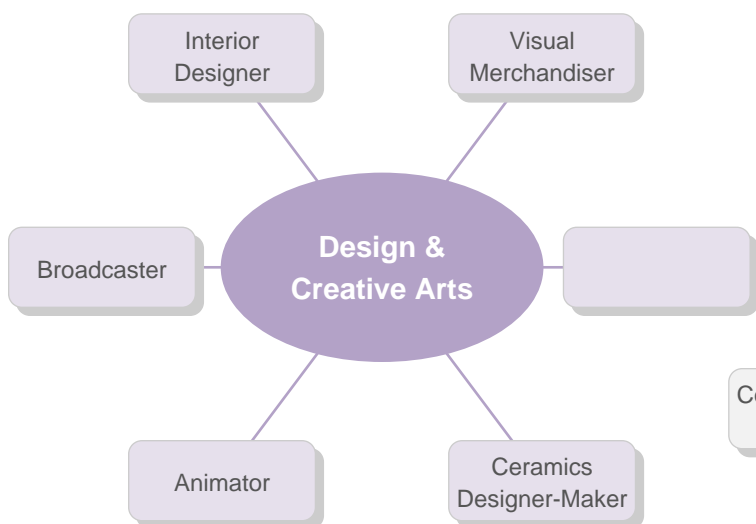
The theme which next most interests you is Creating and Expressing. This theme can be sub-divided into a number of job families and these are shown in the oval shapes below. For each job family, five examples of typical jobs are shown and you can click on the jobs to find out more about them.

Jobs in this area have a strong 'expressive' element and are concerned with producing or appreciating art, design, fashion, drama, music or writing.

People who have these kinds of jobs enjoy being creative and using their imagination to be original or even unconventional.

They enjoy activities that involve self-expression, which can take many forms such as composing, writing, creating, designing, cooking, performing and entertaining.

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Thinking and Investigating



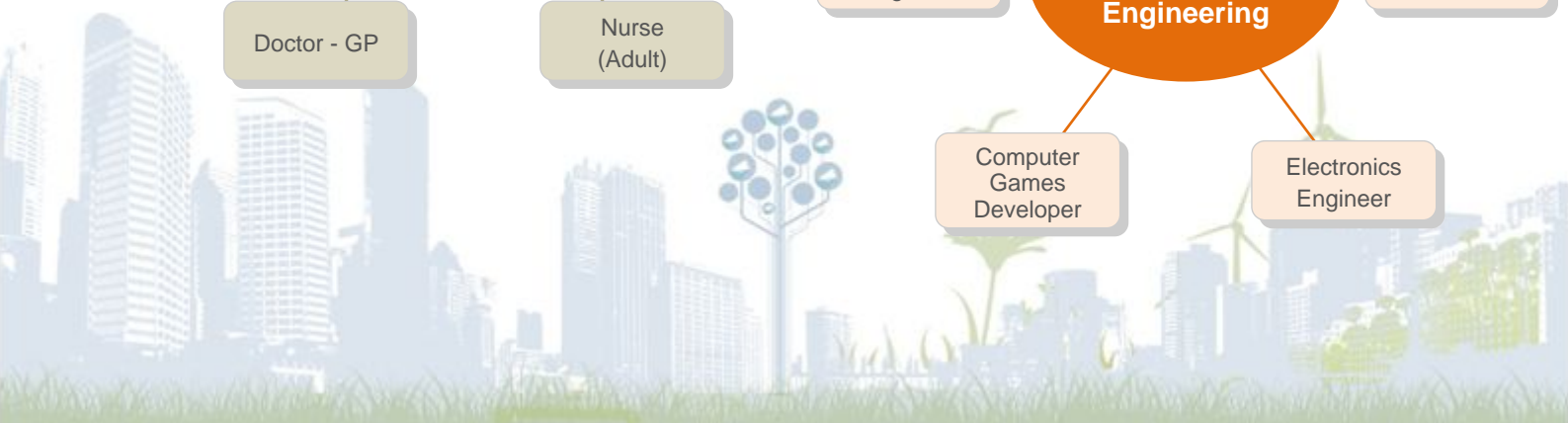
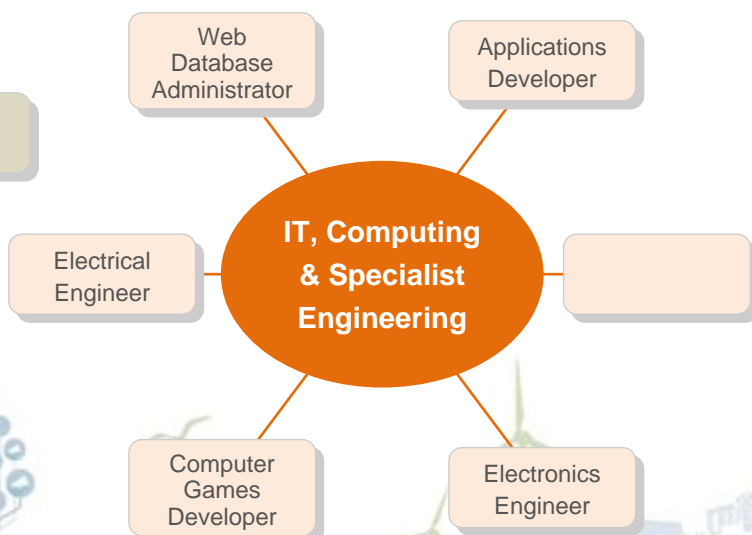
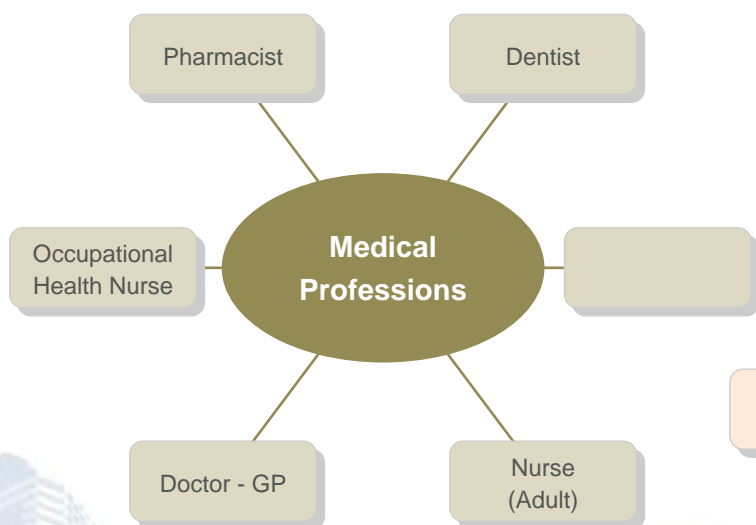
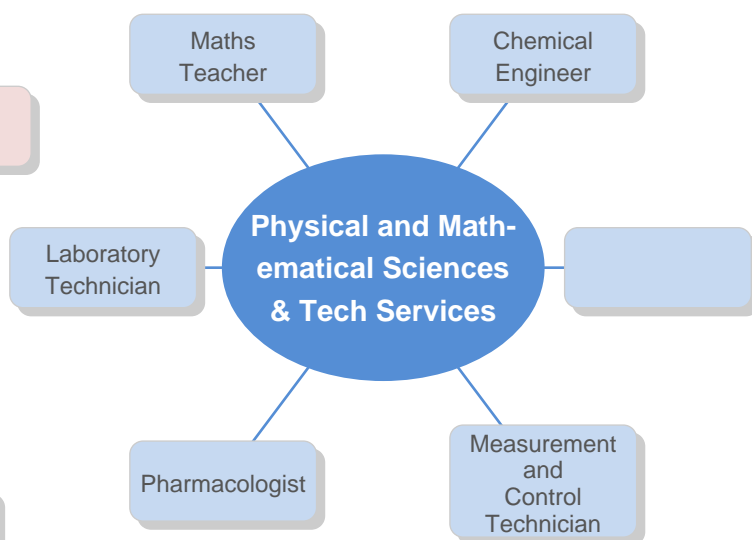
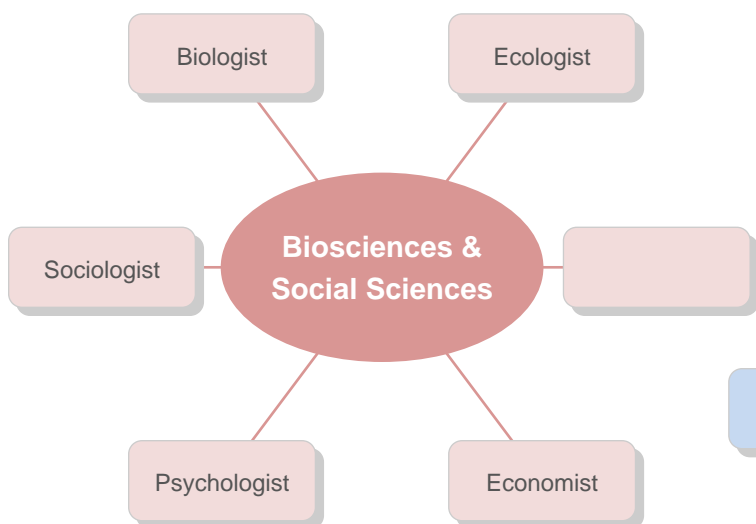
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Jobs in this area are concerned with analysing, discovering, solving abstract problems and working things out.

People who have these kinds of jobs enjoy building theories and exploring ideas and data. They are motivated to learn, understand and predict.

They enjoy researching, observing and evaluating in situations such as scientific laboratories, hospitals, universities or in the computer industry.

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Communicating and Helping



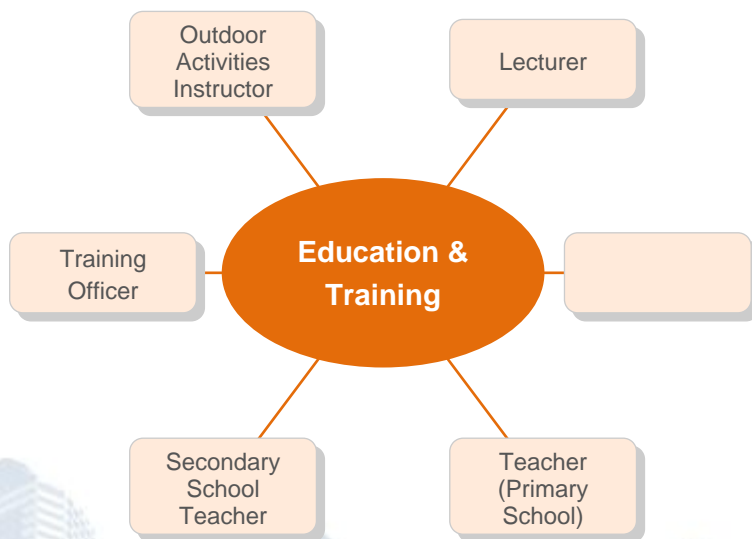
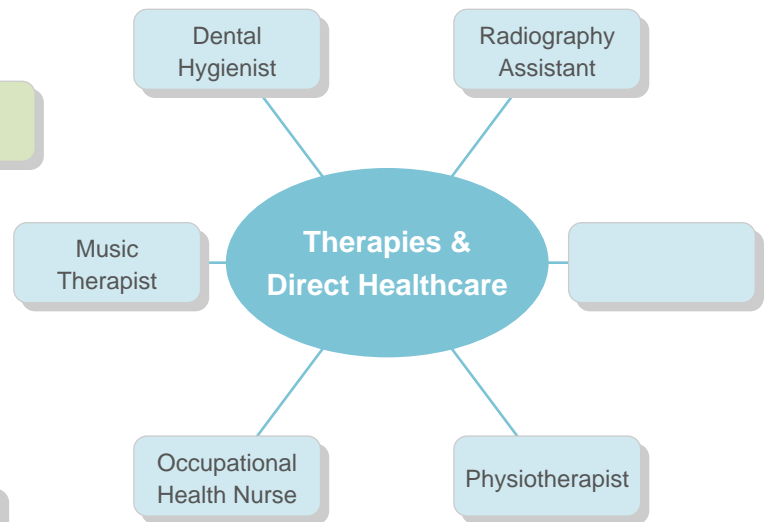
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Jobs in this area involve working with people in a helpful, caring or advisory capacity.

People who have these kinds of jobs enjoy social interaction. They seek opportunities to talk, listen, help, teach, educate and discuss.

They enjoy activities that bring them into contact with others and working in a team in situations such as customer service, social welfare, community service, education and training.

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other career themes you were less interested in

The career themes described in detail in the previous pages are those which you seem to be most interested in. You might also want to know a little more about the other career themes which have so far not yet been mentioned. These are:



Planning and Organising

Jobs and careers in this area are concerned with organising people and things and ensuring that things are done correctly and on time.

People who have jobs in this area enjoy precision, details and planning. They like having rules to follow and making sure that a job is done well and done properly. This involves being organised and systematic in diverse situations such as offices or projects that require careful monitoring and attention to detail.



Persuading and Influencing

Jobs in this area are concerned with having goals to aim for and taking responsibility for achieving them – often in commerce or business.

People who have these kinds of jobs enjoy leading others and being independent. They often have good negotiating and influencing skills. They enjoy activities that allow them a lot of freedom in areas such as selling, marketing, managing and directing. This often leads them to become self-employed and to set up their own business.





your interests, skills and values

What are skills?

A skill is something a person can do well. For example, a person might have skills in:

- communication
- creativity
- planning
- team-work
- time management

What are values?

A value is something a person considers to be important. This makes them ask different questions about jobs such as:

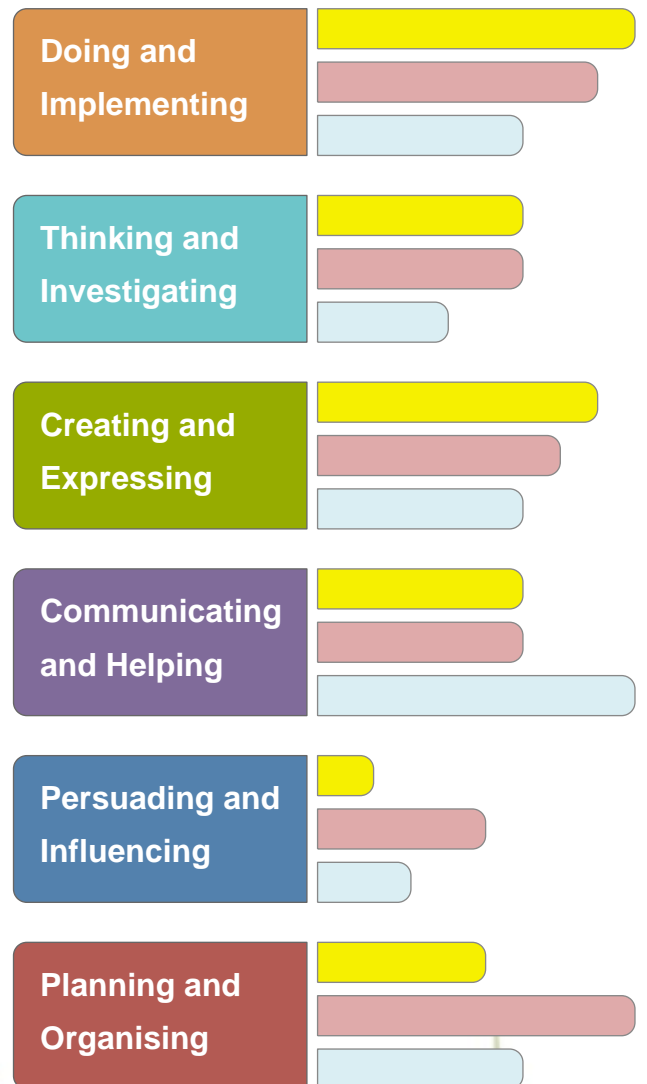
- does it involve helping people?
- does it pay well?
- does it let you use your creativity?
- does it involve responsibility?
- does it involve working with others?

How your interests, skills and values compare

The graph at the right shows the strength of your interests, skills and values by the lengths of the bars. The colours used for the bars are:

- Your interests in this area
- Your skills in this area
- Your values in this area

Most people enjoy work when they are interested, when they can use their skills and when they value what they do. The graph can help you choose areas to investigate which may identify jobs that will appeal to you in the future.





thinking ahead

This report will have helped you to begin to identify the areas of work that might interest you in the future. It is important to think more about your future career because it will not be too long before you have to make decisions which will influence the sort of career you will be able to go into.

So make a start now. Find out more about the areas which interest you and find out more about particular jobs. You can begin by trying to answer the following questions. Write down your answers in the space provided.

Which career theme (or combination) interests you the most?

Why does this career theme (or combination) interest you?

Which job family (or families) are you going to investigate?

Are there specific jobs which particularly interest you?

Things to think about when finding out about careers and thinking about the future:

- What are the entry requirements - school subjects and qualifications?
- Which subjects do you enjoy and which subjects are you good at?

Talking to your careers and higher education adviser, your subject teachers and your parents can also help.

Good places to find information:

- The school careers and higher education library
- The MyFutureCareer website (www.myfuturecareer.co.uk)
- Skills Development Scotland (www.myworldofwork.co.uk)
- Careers Wales (www.careerswales.com)

If you would like to answer a few short questions to give us your opinion of this report, please click on the link below:

[Feedback questionnaire](#)