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## Activity 3.2A: Career Inventory

### Instructions

*Some guiding questions can tell you a lot about your career preferences and help you determine the type of career you might be interested in pursuing.*

### Career Survey

*For each of the following career-related categories, choose the statement that best represents your preference.*

1. Working environment

- A. I want to be inside almost all of the time.
- B. I would like to have the freedom to be inside or outside.
- C. I want to spend most of my time outside.

Answer:

2. People or things

- A. I want to spend most of my working time interacting with people.
- B. I want to work with people and things (products, inventory, etc.).
- C. I want to work mainly with things (products, inventory, commodities, etc.).

Answer:

3. Alone or with people

- A. I want to spend most of my time working alone.
- B. I want to have some interaction with people during the day.
- C. I want to spend most of my workday working with other people.

Answer:

4. Geography

- A. I want to be able to work close to where I grew up.
- B. I have a specific region in the country/world where I want to live and work.

C. I am open to living and working anywhere.

Answer:

5. Salary

A. Making a lot of money is the most important factor to consider in choosing a career.

B. I would like to make a lot of money, but I am willing to trade some money for the happiness of doing a job I love.

C. Money is not that important to me, as long as I am able to do something I love.

Answer:

6. Education

A. I am willing to spend 4, 6, or even 8 years after high school graduation to get the schooling I need.

B. I may be willing to spend 2 to 4 years after high school graduation to get the schooling I need.

C. I only want to pursue education that will directly pertain to the skills needed for a particular career.

Answer:

7. Mind or body

A. I want to do work that mainly requires me to think about solutions.

B. I want to be in a career where I can think about solutions but spend time working with my hands.

C. I want to spend most of my time at work being hands-on, accomplishing tasks, building things, or completing physical tasks.

Answer:

*Once you have responded to all the categories, review the careers included in the chapter or conduct an internet search to find a job that meets all your preferences.*

### **Career Evaluation**

*Complete the following activity with answers for each of the categories related to this specific career. For each question, explain how this career matches your selection from the table.*

The job I selected is

Answer:

1. **Working environment:** In what type(s) of environments is this work conducted (indoor/outdoor, hot/cold, etc.)?

Answer:

2. **People or things:** What is the main focus of this career? Explain how the career focuses on either developing people or developing things.

Answer:

3. **Alone or with people:** How much time will you spend alone in this career?

Answer:

4. **Geography:** Where in the country/world will you be able to work with this type of career?

Answer:

5. **Salary:** What is the average starting salary for someone in this career?

Answer:

6. **Education:** How much education is required for this job after high school graduation?

Answer:

7. **Mind or body:** What percentage of your time will be spent thinking? What percentage of your time will be spent doing?

Answer: