

STUDENT WORKSHEET: CHOOSING A PROFESSION

Explore career factors, vocabulary, comprehension, and personal reflection.

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1. Reading & Context

Choosing a profession is one of the biggest decisions you will make in your life. It shapes your daily routine, your financial future, and your personal satisfaction.

Why It Is Hard

Many students feel pressured to choose a career path too early. The modern job market changes fast. New technologies create jobs that did not exist ten years ago, while older jobs disappear. This constant shift makes the decision feel overwhelming.

Key Factors to Consider

When you look for a future career, do not just look at the salary. Think about these three main points:

- **Your Interests:** What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Work feels much lighter when you like the core tasks.
- **Your Strengths:** What are you naturally good at? Assess whether you prefer working with numbers, writing, fixing things, or talking to people.
- **Work-Life Balance:** Do you want a strict 9-to-5 schedule, or do you prefer remote work and flexible hours?

The Trial and Error Process

You do not need to find your dream job on the first try. Most people change roles or even entire industries several times. Internships, part-time jobs, and volunteering give you a safe way to test different fields before making a long-term commitment.

2. Comprehension Questions

1. Why do some young people feel pressure and difficulties while choosing a career path early?
2. What three main factors should a person consider besides the salary?
3. How can a student test a career field before making a long-term commitment?
4. How did you decide what to be? Was it always your ambition to do this?
5. Does your occupation suit you? Why?
6. Are you well-suited to your job? Why?
7. Do you think it is a good idea to follow your hobby as a career, or should hobbies stay separate from work? Why?
8. Imagine your dream job. What does your perfect work-life balance look like in that role?
9. In your opinion, is a high salary more important than enjoying your daily tasks? Discuss your thoughts.

3. Vocabulary List

#	Lexical Unit	Definition	Example
1	career path	the series of jobs and experiences that make up your professional life	She is still deciding which career path to follow.
2	job prospects	the chances of finding a good job in a particular field	IT offers excellent job prospects for graduates.
3	career opportunities	possibilities for developing your career or getting a job	The company provides many career opportunities.
4	work-life balance	the ability to give enough time to both work and personal life	A good work-life balance is important to me.
5	job satisfaction	the feeling of pleasure or fulfilment you get from your job	Salary is important, but job satisfaction matters too.
6	transferable skills	skills that can be used in different jobs or professions	Communication and teamwork are valuable transferable skills.
7	meet the requirements	to have the qualifications or abilities needed for a job	Applicants must meet the requirements for the position.
8	pursue a career	to work towards having a career in a particular field	He decided to pursue a career in medicine.
9	earn a living	to get enough money from work to support yourself	It is important to choose a profession that allows you to earn a living.
10	make an informed decision	to make a decision based on enough relevant information	Students should research different professions before making an informed decision.

4. Lexical Exercises

Exercise A: Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with the words/phrases from the box below. Use each one once.

career path | job prospects | work-life balance | job satisfaction | transferable skills | meet the requirements | pursue a career | earn a living | career opportunities | make an informed decision

- Before choosing a profession, students should research the _____ in different fields.
- Good communication and teamwork are _____ that can be useful in many professions.
- It is important to think about _____, not only about how much money you can earn.
- Many young people are unsure which _____ they want to follow after leaving school.
- If you want to become a doctor, you have to _____ for medical school.
- Internships can help students _____ in a particular field before making a long-term commitment.
- A person may change jobs several times while developing their _____.

8. Flexible working hours can help employees achieve a better _____.
9. Some professions offer excellent _____, while others may have limited possibilities for promotion.
10. Students should consider their interests, strengths and future opportunities to _____ about their profession.

Exercise B: Choose the best option

Choose the best option in each sentence. Then discuss your answers with a partner.

1. Before choosing a profession, it is important to **earn a living** / **make an informed decision** by considering your interests and strengths.
2. A student who enjoys helping people may decide to **pursue a career** / **meet the requirements** in healthcare.
3. Good **job prospects** / **job satisfaction** mean that it is relatively easy to find employment in a particular field.
4. Being able to communicate well is one of the most useful **career opportunities** / **transferable skills**.
5. A profession that allows you to work flexible hours may provide a better **work-life balance** / **career path**.
6. A university degree may be necessary if you want to **meet the requirements** / **earn a living** for a particular profession.
7. Promotion, training and opportunities to develop professionally are examples of **career opportunities** / **job satisfaction**.
8. A person can have a successful **career path** / **work-life balance** even if they change professions several times.

Follow-up questions: Which factor is more important: job satisfaction or salary? What transferable skills do you have? What profession has the best job prospects?

5. Career Choice Ranking

Productive Use of Vocabulary & Personalisation: In pairs or groups, review the key factors below and rank them from 1 (**most important**) to 8 (**least important**) when choosing a profession.

1. Salary

2. Job satisfaction

3. Job prospects

4. Work-life balance

5. Career opportunities

6. Required qualifications

7. Personal interests

8. Transferable skills

Target Language for Justification:

- *I think work-life balance should be high on the list because...*
- *In my opinion, job prospects are more important than...*
- *To make an informed decision, you need to consider...*

6. Final Discussion

1. **What makes a profession a good career choice?** Discuss the importance of salary, job satisfaction, career opportunities, job prospects, and work-life balance.
2. **Should you choose a profession you love or a profession that pays well?** Discuss whether personal interests or financial security should be the priority.
3. **How will the jobs of the future be different?** Consider technology, AI, new professions, transferable skills, and changing job prospects.
4. **Is it possible to have your dream job?** Discuss whether a career can provide both job satisfaction and a good income, and what people may have to sacrifice.
5. **How can young people make an informed decision about their future profession?** Discuss career guidance, work experience, research, personal strengths, skills, and meeting job requirements.