

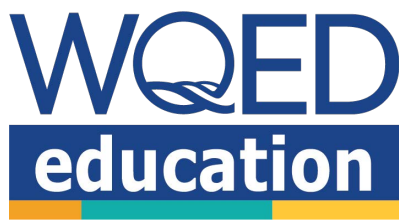
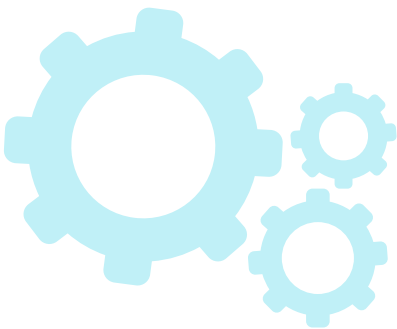


# FUTURE JOBS



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# Career Journal





# Guess Who? - Future Jobs Edition

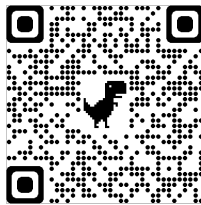
## Instructions

Number of Players – 2

1. Have each person write down one of the careers on a sheet of paper. Do not let your opponent see what you wrote.
2. Players alternate turns asking “yes” or “no” questions. For example, you may ask: “Does your person work outdoors? Your opponent must then answer either “yes” or “no.”
3. To win the game, you have to correctly guess the career on your opponent’s card by asking one question per turn, and eliminating any careers that don’t fit the mystery career’s description.
4. When you’re ready to guess what the mystery career is, make your guess on your turn, instead of asking a question. For example, “your career is a mechanical engineer.” Your opponent must then tell you whether or not your guess is correct. If your guess is right, you win the game! If it’s wrong, you lose.

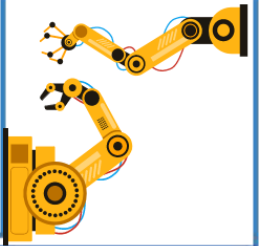
Hint: Some of these careers you may not be familiar with, you can learn more about them by watching the webisodes on

[wqed.org/future-jobs/videos](http://wqed.org/future-jobs/videos)





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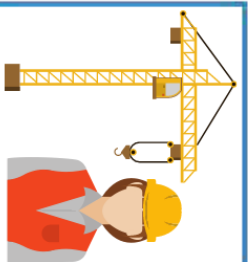
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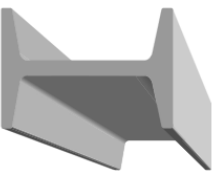
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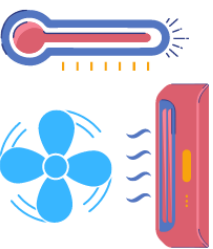
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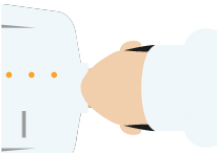
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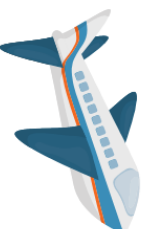
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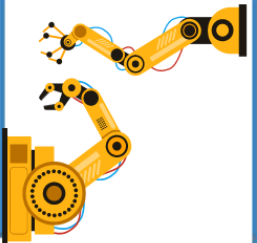


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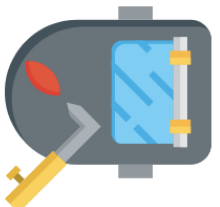
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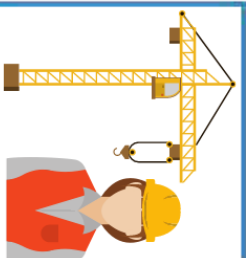
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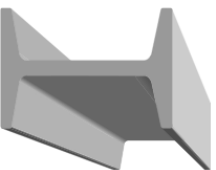
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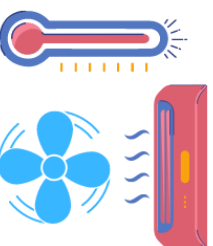
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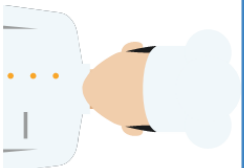
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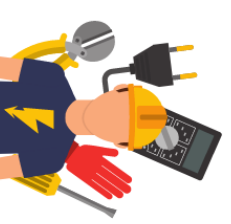
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# Mock Interview

Have a friend or family member practice a mock interview with you.  
Below are commonly asked questions you can use to practice.



**Tell me about yourself.**

**What is a strength of yours?**

**What is a weakness of yours?**



**Why should we hire you?**

**What's something positive your boss would say about you?**

**How did you hear about us?**



**Why are you leaving your current role?**

**What interests you about this position?**

**What are your future goals? Or where do you see yourself in five years?**

**Describe a difficult work situation on how you overcame it.**

# Conversation Starters

Read through the questions below and select a few to discuss with a friend or family member

1. What does success in a career mean to you?
2. Describe a time you felt successful. What did you succeed in doing? How did you prepare for it?
3. When thinking of your future, are there any skills you would like to develop or strengthen? What can you do to make this happen?
4. What type of communication skills do you think employers value most in job candidates?

## Making a Good First Impression

5. What does it mean to make a good first impression?
6. What would be the first things someone would notice about you in an interview?
7. Have you ever made a bad first impression—in school, sports, or some other activity? What impression do you think you made, and how did that happen?
8. Think about your social media identity—the digital version of you. What does it say about you? Is that how you'd want a potential employer to know you? Why or why not?
9. What changes could you make to your social media presence to improve the first impression it gives?



## Dressing Well for Work or an Interview

10. How is clothing related to communication? What kinds of things can clothes say about the wearer?
11. What messages do you think wearing ripped, stained, smelly, distracting, or offensive clothing sends to others?
12. Why is it important that you “feel like you” when dressing for the workplace?
13. Choose a career field or workplace that interests you. Where would you start to learn what is and isn’t appropriate to wear for work? Do you know any “do’s” and “don’ts” already?

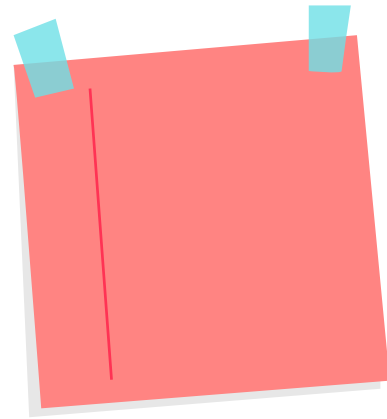
## Listening in the Workplace

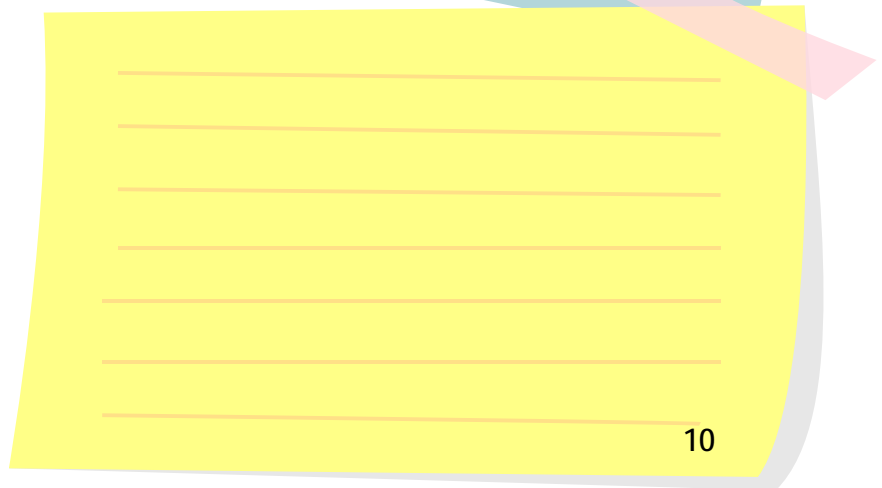
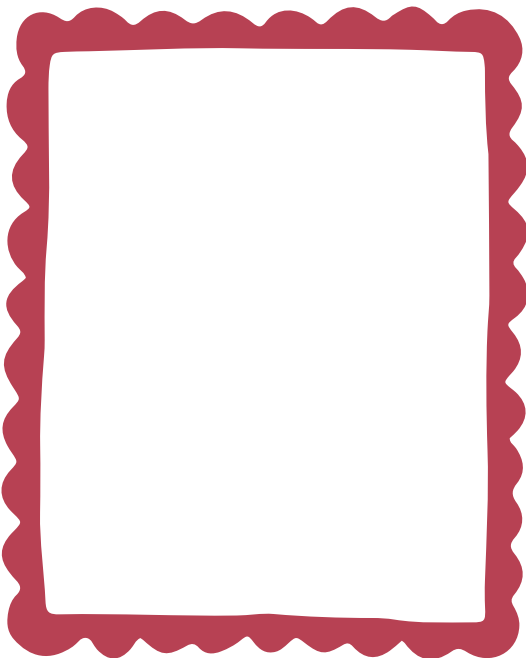
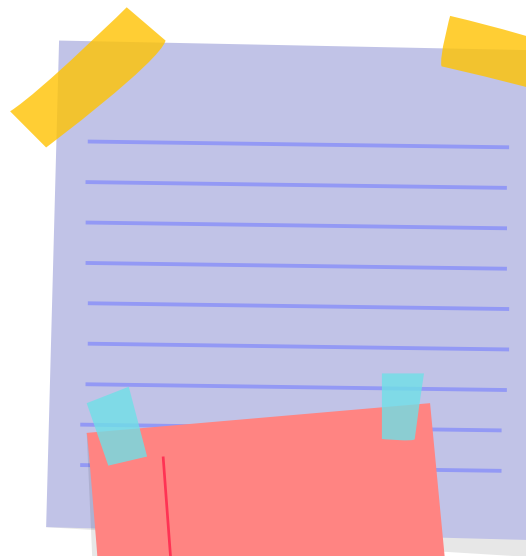
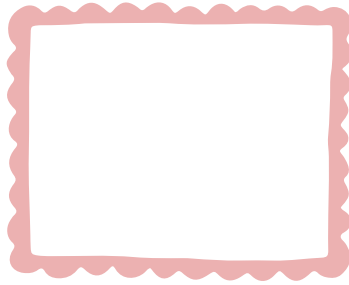
14. Name three to four jobs or careers (besides the medical field) in which listening really matters. Why is it so important for each one? What are some potential risks of not listening carefully enough?
15. How do you feel when you know a person you’re talking with isn’t listening to what you’re saying? In your experience, what is the most common sign of this?
16. How do you know when you’re doing a good job listening to others?
17. Do you have any listening habit(s) that could be improved? How could you do this?

Questions Taken from [pbslearningmedia.org/collection/career-hacks-workforce-readiness/](https://pbslearningmedia.org/collection/career-hacks-workforce-readiness/)

# Vision Board

Create a collage (photos, text, icons) from magazines, pictures, etc. for a career you want. The images & text help you spark an emotion, feeling or motivation to achieve a goal.





# List It Out

List five of areas of improvement:

1.

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List five of your strengths:

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4.

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5.

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List five careers you will never do:

List five careers to consider:

# Career Journal Prompts

Do you have a favorite hobby? Is there a job related to that hobby? Draw it!

Can you think of a job that will become obsolete in the future? What types of new jobs do you think there might be in the future? Draw it out!



# Help Wanted

Create a help wanted ad for a job that is perfect for you

# Fired?!

You got a summer job, but after three days you get fired! Was it because of something you did or didn't do? Are you angry, embarrassed, or relieved? What will you tell your family members?

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# Danger!

List 3 jobs you think are dangerous.

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Do a quick search online for 3 additional dangerous jobs that you may have not known about before

1.

2.

3.

Why do you think someone would work in a dangerous job? Is it for the money, the status, or the adrenaline?

**Some people enjoy solitary jobs, like being a researcher or a writer. Others like jobs that require social interaction, such as teachers and office workers. Which would you prefer and why? Share some examples of why the job would work best for you.**

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# Close your eyes and think of what your ideal job would look like

Do you travel?

Are you in an office with coworkers?

Are you working alone or with a group?

What are skills that you are using at your ideal job?

List three skills that you have. How can these skills help you in your ideal job?

What kind of people are you working with? What type of person do you work best with?

What tools would you be using?

# Career Checklist

My future career should have these features:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## About Future Jobs:

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