

# Heads or Tails



# Choosing a

# Career

## What's right for you after high school?

A first step in deciding what to do after high school is to talk with your school counselor or a teacher for advice. Ask your school counselor about taking an aptitude test or interest inventory to find your strengths and weaknesses and interests to discover potential career choices that are right for you.

1. Learn about yourself.
  - Values - What is important to you? Do you like working with others, or do you prefer working by yourself? Do you like working with your hands? Do you prefer variety or a familiar routine?
  - Interests - What appeals to you? What do you enjoy? Do you like solving problems? What gets your attention?
  - Aptitude - What are you good at? Are you good with words? Do you have artistic talent? Can you fix things?

2. Once you've narrowed your career choices, talk to people who are working in that field or, if possible, find a part-time job in that field.

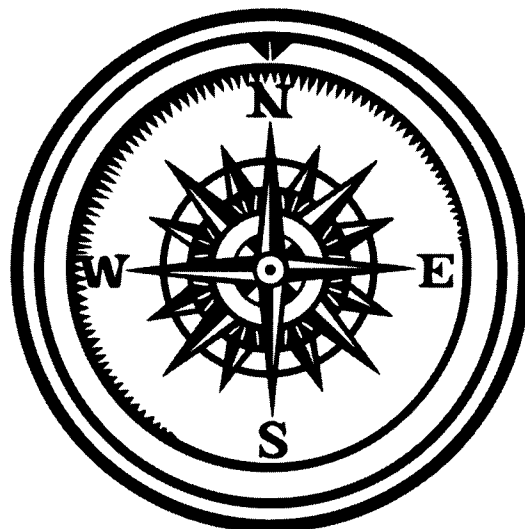
People who like their jobs (and even people who don't) are usually happy to talk about them. It's helpful to ask questions such as: "What's good and bad about this job?" Ask them how they learned their trade. There are many sources of career and job outlook information available--go to your school library, public library or school counselor.

3. Consider how much training you will need for the

career you're interested in.

- High school diploma: cashier, receptionist, salesperson, security guard, telephone operator, waiter/waitress
- Special career training: auto technician, fire-fighter, machinist, medical technician, police officer, computer operator, commercial artist
- College degree: accountant, counselor, engineer, nurse, pilot, teacher, public relations specialist
- Graduate degree: college professor, dentist, lawyer, veterinarian, research scientist, architect

## EXPLORE!



READ!

# Your Career Connection!

## CAREERS RELATED TO ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS

COMPLIMENTS OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAM

**ENGLISH***Includes Speech*

Actor/Actress	Legal Assistant
Advertising Manager	Minister (Clergy)
Author	Proofreader
College Professor	Publisher
Columnist	Radio/TV Announcer
Copywriter	Radio/TV Writer
Counselor	Reporter - Journalist
Critic	Speech/Language Pathologist
Dramatist	Teacher
Editor	Technical Writer
Librarian	TV Program Director

**MATH***Includes Computer Science/Math*

Accountant	Insurance Agent/Underwriter
Account Executive	Loan Officer
Actuary	Manager
Advertising Manager	Manufacturers Representative
Architect	Marketing Specialist
Astronomer	Market Research Analyst
Bank Officer	Mathematician - Statistician
Business Manager	Medical Records Administrator
Buyer - Purchasing Agent	Metallurgist
College Professor	Meteorologist
Computer Programmer	Oceanographer
Computer Systems Analyst	Personnel Manager
Computer Systems Specialist	Physician Assistant
Credit Manager	Physicist
Economist	Production Planner
Educational Administrator	Real Estate Agent/Appraiser
Engineer (refer to Natural Sciences)	Sales Manager
Farmer - Rancher	Scientist
Financial Analyst	Securities Salesperson
Hotel/Motel Manager	Teacher
Importer - Exporter	Travel Agent

**SOCIAL STUDIES***Includes Economics & Psychology*

Anthropologist	Librarian
College Professor	Lobbyist
Counselor	Manufacturers Representative
Criminologist	Market Research Analyst
Economist	Minister (Clergy)
Educational Administrator	Personnel/Human Resource Mgr.
Employment Counselor	Political Scientist
Foreign Service Officer	Probation Officer
Geographer	Public Relations Representative
Gerontologist	Psychologist
Government Service Agent	Real Estate Agent
Historian	Recreation Leader
Importer - Exporter	Reporter
Insurance Agent/Underwriter	Social Worker
Job Analyst	Sociologist
Lawyer	Teacher
Legal Assistant	Urban Planner

**NATURAL SCIENCES**

Aerospace Engineer	Meteorologist
Anthropologist	Mining Engineer
Astronomer	Nuclear Engineer
Automotive Engineer	Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Biomedical Engineer	Nurse
Biologist	Nutritionist - Dietitian
Biochemist	Occupational Therapist
Botanist	Oceanographer
Chemical Engineer	Optometrist
Civil Engineer	Petroleum Engineer
Chemist	Pharmacologist
College Professor	Physician
Dentist	Physicist
Ecologist	Physical Therapist
Electrical Engineer	Physiologist
Forester	Psychiatrist
Funeral Director	Radio/TV Engineer
Geologist	Respiratory Therapist
Horticulturist	Soil/Water Conservationist
Industrial Engineer	Speech/Language Pathologist
Mechanical Engineer	Teacher
Medical Records Administrator	Veterinarian
Medical Technologist	Zoologist

**ART***Includes Music & Drama/Theater*

Actor/Actress	Illustrator
Advertising Manager	Interior Decorator/Designer
Architect	Landscape Architect
Artist - Painter	Musician
Audio Technician	Orchestra Leader
Cartoonist	Photographer
Choreographer	Scriptwriter
College Professor	Sculptor
Composer - Song Writer	Singer
Dancer	Teacher
Fashion Artist	TV Program Director
Film Producer/Director	Video Productionist

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Archivist	International Market Manager
Bilingual Nurse	International Relations Specialist
Bilingual Social Worker	International Trade Economist
College Professor	Interpreter
Foreign Buyer	Linguist
Foreign Service Officer	Special FBI/CIA Agent
Importer - Exporter	Technical Publications Writer
Intelligence Specialist	Translator
International Lawyer	Travel Agent

**ACT Assessment** - The ACT Assessment includes four curriculum-based tests that measure students' educational development in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning; an interest inventory; students' background, plans, needs, and interests; and a questionnaire on high school course/grade information.

**P-ACT+** - P-ACT+ measures academic development of tenth-graders. It is designed to stimulate early thinking about postsecondary planning, assess status of academic preparation for college, support good high school course selection for junior and senior years, and provide preparation for the ACT Assessment.