

# Quiz: Where Am I Headed?

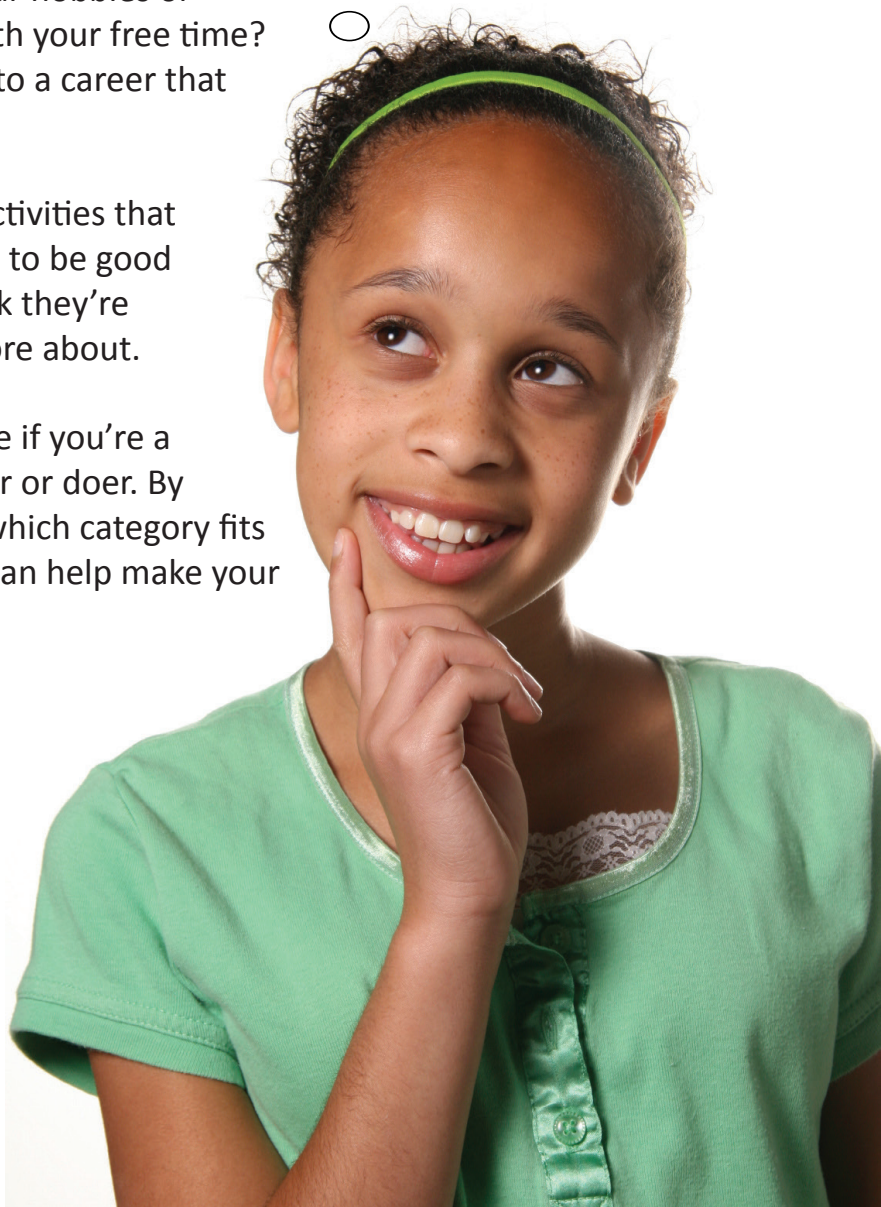
Do you ever daydream about the future? Ever think about what you'd like to do after high school? Maybe you like to imagine the life you're going to lead, the house you'll live in or the car you'll drive. Maybe you picture yourself as a doctor, judge, artist, entertainer or truck driver.

If you have a goal, good for you! You're one step ahead of the game. If you haven't decided on one yet, no worries. The great news is you don't have to plan out the rest of your life right now. You have plenty of time to make those decisions, and it's never too early to start imagining the things you'll do and the places you'll go.

One way to get started is to think about your hobbies or special interests. What do you like to do with your free time? It's possible these activities could lead you to a career that you'd enjoy.

Check out the following pages to identify activities that you think sound interesting. You don't have to be good at the activities—just check them if you think they're something you'd like to explore or learn more about.

After some exploration, you'll be able to see if you're a persuader, thinker, organizer, creator, helper or doer. By identifying your interests and figuring out which category fits you best, you just might find a career that can help make your dreams come true.





- \_\_\_ Supervising people
- \_\_\_ Saving and managing money
- \_\_\_ Being elected class president
- \_\_\_ Selling something
- \_\_\_ Convincing people to do things your way
- \_\_\_ Talking to people at a party

- \_\_\_ Studying bugs or plants
- \_\_\_ Learning about the solar system
- \_\_\_ Solving hard math problems
- \_\_\_ Reading about art or music
- \_\_\_ Asking questions
- \_\_\_ Participating in a science fair



- \_\_\_ Being organized
- \_\_\_ Creating a filing system
- \_\_\_ Using a cash register
- \_\_\_ Paying attention to details
- \_\_\_ Following directions
- \_\_\_ Working with numbers

- \_\_\_ Performing in front of an audience
- \_\_\_ Redecorating your room
- \_\_\_ Drawing or painting a picture
- \_\_\_ Learning a foreign language
- \_\_\_ Helping people solve problems
- \_\_\_ Using your imagination



- \_\_\_ Volunteering with a charity
- \_\_\_ Making people laugh
- \_\_\_ Baby-sitting or teaching children
- \_\_\_ Joining a club
- \_\_\_ Working with older people
- \_\_\_ Planning events or activities

- \_\_\_ Building things with your hands
- \_\_\_ Doing outdoor activities
- \_\_\_ Running a race
- \_\_\_ Studying animals
- \_\_\_ Painting a piece of furniture
- \_\_\_ Playing with a chemistry set



Now it's time to do some math! Look back at your worksheet and count how many times you checked something in each of the categories, then record your answers below.



Each of the letters stands for an interest group. Each interest group has jobs that tend to go along with it. The letter that has the highest score represents your primary interest group.

- E** stands for **enterprising**. If you chose activities in this category you're a **persuader** who's competitive and a natural leader. You might enjoy working where you can start projects or develop new products or ideas. You like action and enjoy persuading people to do things your way. Consider exploring sales, real estate, politics or owning your own business.
- I** is for **investigative**. If you mostly chose these activities, you're a **thinker** who probably likes finding facts, exploring and problem-solving. You might enjoy working in finance or math, as a teacher, or as a doctor or engineer.
- C** is for **conventional**. Conventional people are **organizers** who may like working with information, numbers and details. Accounting, business or banking may be just the field for you.
- A** is for **artistic**. Artistic people are **creators** who like things to be unique and original. If "A" is your primary interest group, consider working in an environment where you're free to use your imagination. Art therapy, animation, music, painting or acting may be areas of interest for you.
- S** is for **social**. Being social means you're a **helper** who's probably cooperative and supportive, and you like to take care of people or things. Helpers tend to make good nurses, athletic trainers, counselors or social workers.
- R** is for **realistic**. Realistic people are **doers** who are hands-on, practical people. You may be a natural athlete or you might enjoy being outdoors. Doers make good police officers, veterinarians, mechanics, architects or landscapers.

Just because you score highest in one primary interest group doesn't mean you have to take a job that relates to that interest. These are simply ideas to point you in the direction of careers you might enjoy.

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