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Introduction

In 2019, the average length of time for a Canadian to hold the same job was 101 months (about 8 years, 5 months). As a result, over a 35-year career someone could be expected to hold more than 4 different jobs. Analysts predict that due to current market trends, individuals are expected to hold the same job for less time in the years ahead. As a result, people are potentially going to change careers around 15 times over their working life! There are many reasons for this: new technology makes some jobs obsolete; new technology can change a person's role in the job they were doing; and new technology creates new jobs. Because of this, it is less valuable to ask "what do you want to be" than it is to ask "what do you want to do"? What you "want to be" might not exist when you get there!

Take a moment and consider how you would answer the question:

"What do you want to DO when you graduate high school?"

You may have no idea what you want to do when you enter the world of work. Perhaps you are very certain about what you will do. Or, more likely, you are somewhere in between with some ideas but no real plan. Regardless of where you fall on this spectrum, it is a good idea to take some time to explore potential careers and realize the options that could be available to you. Even if you 'know' what you are going to do, this is an opportunity to explore other career options that may (one day) appeal to you. It could also provide you with a 'plan b' should your first plan not work out. Remember to ask yourself, "what do I want to do?"

PART A: What careers are out there?

Write a 3 to 5 sentence response to the following questions:

1. Based on discussions with family, friends, and/or peers, do you have an idea of what you might like to do for a career?



2. Why do you believe this is a career path that is right for you?

3. If you are unsure (or have no idea), what types of careers, or career sectors, would you consider?

PART B: Exploring Different Careers

For this section, you will use Career Planning Quizzes offered by the Government of Canada:
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/career-planning/quizzes#careerQuiz>.

Once you get to the website, complete the **INTERESTS** quiz and take snapshots of your results as directed below (you will use these later):

1. Complete the quiz
2. Click on the “No Formal Schooling - N” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations
3. Click on the “High School or Short Course - H” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations
4. Click on the “College or Apprenticeship - C” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations
5. Click on the “University - U” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations

Next, complete the **ABILITIES** quiz and take snapshots of your results as directed below:

- 1) Complete the quiz
- 2) Click on the “No Formal Schooling - N” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations
- 3) Click on the “High School or Short Course - H” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations
- 4) Click on the “College or Apprenticeship - C” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations
- 5) Click on the “University - U” tab and snapshot the top 5 occupations

Finally, complete ONE (or more) of the remaining quizzes: **WORK ACTIVITIES**, **MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES**, **LEARNING STYLE**, or **WORK VALUES**:

- 1) Complete the chosen quiz.
- 2) Take a snapshot of the conclusion presented on your screen.



PART C: Prospects for Potential Jobs

Often the job market will influence the careers people choose to pursue. When there are more opportunities in one field than another, individuals may prefer to choose the path with more potential for employment. Others may strive to be one of the select few.

Select 3 potential jobs from those that you identified in PART A or that were part of your snapshots in PART B.

NOTE: Two of the three jobs you research **MUST require different pathways**. In other words, not all 3 jobs can require the same post-secondary pathway (e.g., 2 could come from college and 1 could require an apprenticeship).

Research the prospects for the three jobs using a job search engine and then answer the following questions. Possible job search engines you could use:

- Indeed: <https://ca.indeed.com/>
- Government of Canada Job Bank: <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/home>
- Eluta: <https://www.eluta.ca/>
- Monster: <https://www.monster.ca/>

Questions to be answered **FOR EACH** of the three selected jobs:

- What is the name of the company offering the job?
- What is the website address for the company offering the job?
- What is the phone number for the company offering the job?
- What is the street address of the company offering the job (either head office or proposed working location)?
- What type of business is offering the job? (i.e. chemical engineering firm, pharmaceutical company, construction firm)
- What is the job description? (i.e. the specific expectations, tasks and responsibilities)
- What level of formal education is required for this job? (i.e. apprenticeship, university degree, etc.) What title does the 'graduate' receive?
- Are there any additional requirements, training or certifications that are required for this job? (i.e. years of experience, licences, safety certificates, etc.)
- How much would an individual be paid in this position? (i.e. salary provided in job description or salary based on research)
- Which job search engine did you use to find this job?



PART D: Personal Reflection

- 1) Of the 3 companies you researched in PART C, which one do you think would be the best company for you to work for? Explain why you think this. (Give 2+ reasons.)

- 2) Does there seem to be a relationship between the level of training someone needs and the salary level they will receive in the job? Explain.

- 3) Was there anything “new” that you learned during this assignment?
 - a) If so, what are the two main ideas that you discovered and why are they significant to you?

 - b) If not, what were two of the main ideas that were reinforced during your research

- 4) Has the completion of PARTS B and/or C caused you to reconsider or make changes to your answer in PART A? Explain why or why not.