



## Job Match

Students in middle school typically begin to think about future careers. Often, they are uncertain about what kind of work to pursue as adults because they do not know how to develop the necessary skills or experiences.

Read the following story with your children, and discuss how school and community activities provide good work experiences that can advance their career goals.

### Activity

"Jobs are hard to find," Roberto told his art teacher. "Lots of people in our neighborhood have been laid off. How will I ever get the experience I need to become a museum director, which is what I want to do?"

Roberto is right in that most employers look for workers who have some experience, but he's not taking into consideration the many school and extra-curricular activities in which he has participated already.

If he could look into the future, Roberto would see that he will have lots of experience in his field by the time he finishes college.

- In middle school, he will help coordinate school-wide art fairs and volunteer as a guide at the local historical society.
- During high school, he will work with a veterans' group presenting Civil War reenactments at county fairs. (Continued on Page 2.)

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- In college, his fraternity will spearhead several fundraisers for the town’s art center, and he will intern at a photography museum during his senior year.

Clearly, Roberto will have more experience than he had imagined, and these activities will provide positive additions to his résumé for that first big job break.

**Directions:** The activities in column A are things that students can do while in middle or high school. Match the activity with the job in column B.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
1. Volunteer at PAWS pet shelter	A. Business manager
2. Intern at community newspaper	B. Detective
3. Boy Scout junior leader	C. Attorney
4. Summer job at garden shop	D. Journalist
5. President, mystery book club	E. Administrative assistant
6. Captain, varsity basketball team	F. Landscape architect
7. Singer in school chorus	G. Website designer
8. Debate team member	H. Teacher
9. Winner, model car competition	I. Mechanic
10. Lifeguard at YMCA pool	J. Musical performer
11. School office aide	K. Veterinarian
12. Summer job, hi-tech computer store	L. Paramedic

Something else students may fail to consider when planning their career is the importance of math, reading, history, and all the other subjects they study in school. There are two ways of looking at this:

- Every job utilizes a number of skills that are learned in school.
- Every subject learned in school can apply to many different jobs.

Complete the chart on Page 3 to see how school subjects can be applied to different jobs.

**Directions:** Think about how school subjects apply to different jobs. Complete the chart below by listing one or two ways that skills in each subject area might be used in the specific careers listed. Fill in the last column using a career of your choice. To help you get started, some have been completed for you.

	<b>Firefighter</b>	<b>Doctor</b>	<b>Truck Driver</b>	<b>Musician</b>	<b>My Job Choice</b>
<b>Math</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• calculating proper dosages</li> </ul>			
<b>Reading</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reading an invoice</li> <li>• delivering to the right address</li> </ul>		
<b>Writing</b>					
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifying combustible chemicals</li> <li>• calculating energy use in trucks</li> </ul>				
<b>History</b>					
<b>Art/Music</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sketching a broken bone</li> <li>• drawing charts</li> </ul>			
<b>Physical Education</b>					

Answers: 1. K, 2. D, 3. H, 4. F, 5. B, 6. A, 7. J, 8. C, 9. I, 10. L, 11. E, 12. G

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