Match Your Interests to Careers with Career Clusters

Part 1: Assess Your Career Interests

For each of the 50 items below, circle which activity you would rather do. It doesn’t matter if you like both of them a lot or dislike both of them a lot; just pick the one you would rather do, and circle it.

1. ● Choose photos for a magazine
   ▲ Track sales of the magazine
2. ● Plant a vegetable garden
   ▲ Review your family’s budget
3. ● Install and upgrade software
   ▲ Develop educational games
4. ● Select paint colors for a home
   ▲ Help someone find a job
5. ● Test computer equipment
   ▲ Plan classroom lessons
6. ● Balance a checkbook
   ▲ Take an X-ray
7. ● Learn a programming language
   ▲ Solve a burglary
8. ● Oversee beach restoration
   ▲ Act in television and movies
9. ● Proofread stories for publication
   ▲ Review technical manuals
10. ● Give a presentation
    ▲ Help a friend with a personal problem
11. ▲ Make an arrest
    ▲ Operate a cash register
12. ▲ Tutor students
    ▲ Work at a zoo
13. ▲ Take care of children
    ▲ Choreograph a dance
14. ● Plan special diets
    ▲ Lobby for a cause
15. ● Configure mobile devices
    ▲ Negotiate insurance prices
16. ● Observe animals in the wild
    ▲ Manage a computer network
17. ▲ Appraise the value of a house
    ▲ Assist patrons at the library
18. ● Create smartphone apps
    ▲ Distribute supplies to dentists
19. ● Design a home security system
    ▲ Enlist in the military
20. ● Write a personal blog
    ▲ Use a calculator
21. ◆ Help people at a dental clinic
    ▲ Analyze evidence of a crime
22. ■ Remodel and flip old houses
    ▲ Build a computer
23. ● Design a book cover
    ▲ Locate a missing person
24. ◆ Fill prescriptions
    ▲ Plan routes for package carriers
25. ● Learn how things grow
    ▲ Sell cars
26. ● Create ads for social media
    ▲ Improve social media security
27. ■ Hire new staff
    ◆ Sterilize surgical instruments
28. ▲ Work in law enforcement
    ◆ Figure out why someone is sick
29. ■ Invest in a start-up company
    ● Design a set for a play
30. ■ Work at a help desk
    ▲ Work in a courtroom
31. ▲ Plan activities for an adult day care center
    ▲ Refinance a mortgage
32. ◆ Sing in a concert
    ▲ Design a website
33. ◆ Wrap a sprained ankle
    ▲ Raise funds for charity
34. ▲ Be a religious leader
    ▲ Own a business
35. ◆ Manage a veterinary clinic
    ▲ Manage an art museum
36. ● Play an instrument
    ▲ Plan a business meeting
37. ◆ Set up a drug clinical trial
    ▲ Set up a customer database
38. ■ Compile sports statistics
    ◆ Study human behavior
39. ● Repair computers
    ▲ Keep business records
40. ◆ Deliver babies
    ▲ Troubleshoot software
41. ■ Supervise a warehouse crew
    ▲ Teach dancing
42. ◆ Follow the stock market
    ▲ Protect the environment
43. ● Line up concerts for a band
    ◆ Research alternative fuels
44. ▲ Order office supplies
    ▲ Use audio and video recording equipment
45. ▲ Develop online surveys
    ▲ Prepare business reports
46. ▲ Program store inventory counters
    ● Buy merchandise for a store
47. ▲ Grade papers
    ▲ Approve loan applications
48. ● Work as an advertising agent
    ◆ Work as a nurse in a hospital
49. ● Paint a portrait
    ▲ Work to get someone elected
50. ● Work with a keyboard
    ◆ Work with a stethoscope

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https://www.okcareertech.org/educators/career-and-academic-connections/career-activity-files
Part 2: Find Your Career Clusters

**Step 1:** Go back through Part 1 and look at the items you circled. Count the number of items you circled with a dot (●). Write that number underneath “Dot” in the table below.

Next, count the number of circled items with a square (■). Write that number underneath “Square” in the table. Repeat this process for items you circled with the triangles (▲), diamonds (◆), and rectangles (▮).

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**Step 2:** Identify the two symbols with the most responses. Write them down below. If you have a tie, list three.

1. __________________________  2. __________________________  3. __________________________

Part 3: Meet the Career Clusters

“Dot” – Arts, Communications (Media), and Entertainment: Individuals interested in Arts, Communications (Media), and Entertainment tends to be creative, unstructured, unconventional, and imaginative thinkers who value originality. They may possess musical, artistic, and literary skills. They also enjoy innovative and open experiences over organized and structured activities.

Some Related Majors: English, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Journalism, Marketing, Music, Theater, Video Production

Sample Occupational Paths: Broadcasting, Journalism, Marketing, Public Relations

“Square” – Business, Financial Services, and Logistics: Individuals interested in Business, Financial Services, and Logistics generally enjoy interacting with people in a manner that involves leadership, persuasion, and management. They tend to be comfortable with their decision-making skills and are ambitious, organized, competitive, self-confident, and possess an entrepreneurial spirit.

Some Related Majors: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, Supply Chain Management

Sample Occupational Paths: Accounting, Finance, Management, Operations, Sales, Supply Chain Management

“Triangle” – Education and Public & Human Services: Individuals interested in Education and Public & Human Services enjoy interacting with people. They like helping others, doing volunteer work, and contributing to the good of society. These individuals tend to have strong interpersonal and communication skills and are empathetic, patient, and understanding.

Some Related Majors: Criminal Justice, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, Spanish

Sample Occupational Paths: Education (All Levels), Social Services, Government, Criminal Justice, Law

“Diamond” – Health, Health Sciences, Environmental and Life Sciences: Individuals interested in these areas care about promoting the physical well-being of others and/or protecting the environment. They tend to be curious, logical, persistent, and possess physical dexterity. They are often analytical and interested in the study of the sciences. They seek to use their skills to contribute to a greater good, which is central to these individuals.

Some Related Majors: 2+4 Pre-Pharmacy, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Nursing

Sample Occupational Paths: Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals, Scientific Research, “Green” Careers

“Rectangle” – Technology, Computer Science, Information Systems (Math): Individuals interested in Technology (and Mathematics) often prefer to work independently. They usually like to work with data and things rather than people. They enjoy solving problems, thinking about and analyzing ideas, and often have strong abilities in applied math and physical sciences.

Some Related Majors: 2+2 Pre-Engineering, Computer Science, Management Information Systems, Mathematics, Physics

Sample Occupational Paths: Software Development, Computer Programming, Actuarial Science, Engineering