



## CAREER PATHWAY SEARCH

Low-beginner

*In order for students to solidify their career choice, they should conduct research to find occupational data about their careers of interest.*

### Lesson objectives:

- Discuss careers of interest
- Find career data

### Warm up and review

- Before class: write the lesson objectives on the board. Ask Ss why it's important to research careers of interest. Elicit answers such as: *to discover whether the career would be a good fit for my background, interests, personality and educational level.*
- Tell Ss the best way to learn whether a potential career is a good fit is to do research online or at a library.

### Presentation

- Ask Ss what information they should know about potential careers. Elicit responses such as: *average salary, required education, on-the-job training, number of projected new jobs.* Write Ss' answers on the board.

### Practice

- At the computer lab, give each S a copy of Activity Worksheet 3B. Review the questions with Ss and ensure they understand the terms. Tell Ss they will be using the Internet to answer the questions.
- Ask Ss to write their career of interest at the top of Activity Worksheet 3B and to complete it

using the website listed at the top of the worksheet. Model how to find career data by typing the name of their career of interest in the “search handbook” box on the top right.

- If you're not using *The Occupational Outlook Handbook* online, you may also direct Ss to similar sites such as Vault.com or Wetfeet.com. Walk around and ensure Ss are filling out their worksheet correctly.
- If a computer lab is not available, bring Ss to the library. Notify the library ahead of time and ask if a librarian is available to direct Ss to occupational research resources. Give each S a copy of the Activity Worksheet. Tell Ss to write their career of interest at the top of the worksheet and to complete it using books and articles to answer the questions.

### Evaluation

- Ss work with partners who have a similar career interest and use the Activity Worksheet to discuss whether their potential careers are a good fit for their personalities, interests and educational plans.
- Ss add the completed Activity Worksheet to their Career Portfolio.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Career of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Find *The Occupational Outlook Handbook* online at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>**

**Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.**

1. What is the average salary for this career?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What type of on-the-job training is offered for this career?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the required education for this career?

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4. What skills does a person need to get a job in this career?

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5. What is the number of potential new jobs for this career?

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6. What is something interesting you learned from your research?

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