



## PATHWAY SEARCH

*Low Beginning*

*Students research trends in their career of interest.*

### Lesson objectives:

- Learn about career trends
- Research trends in your career of interest

### Warm up

- Before class: write the lesson objectives on the board. Ask Ss: *What is a trend?* Elicit answers such as *something common or popular*.
- Tell Ss it's important for them to understand trends in their career of interest so they can ensure they are choosing a career with good potential growth, a high number of available jobs and a work environment they would enjoy.

### Presentation

- Tell Ss they are going to research trends in their career of interest.
- Give each S a copy of the Activity Worksheet. Review the questions with Ss and ensure they understand the terms.
- If your school has a computer lab, tell Ss they will be using the Internet to research trends in their career of interest.

- Ask Ss to write their career of interest at the top of the Activity Worksheet 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.
- 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. Ss can use books, magazines and articles to answer the questions.
- Walk around and ensure Ss are filling out their worksheet correctly.

### Evaluation

- Ss add the completed Activity Worksheet 3C to their Career Portfolio.



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

Career of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What is the average growth rate for this career?
2. Is the average growth rate for this career higher or lower than the national average?<sup>1</sup>
3. How many jobs are currently open in this career?
4. How many new jobs open in this career each year?
5. What is the average salary for this career?
6. What is the work environment like for this career?
7. What is something interesting you learned from your research?

<sup>1</sup>The average job growth in the United States is about 14% per year.