

Picture your dream job!

Best for ages 5-8

Directions for adults

Share this page with your child. Ask them to draw a picture of a job they might like to do someday when they are older. When they are finished commend their efforts and have a discussion about jobs and earning money using the picture as a springboard.

- Tell me about your picture (Tip: ensure that you know what job the child has drawn)
- What does that job do?
- Why does that interest you?
- What skills do you think you need for that job? (Tip: avoid saying what do you need to be good at, because we don't want kids to think that if they aren't good at something now, they can't develop those skills in the future.)
- What education or training do you think you need to do that job? (college, medical school, cooking school, etc.)
- Is that a job that works inside or outside? Do people who do that job work with other people or mostly alone? Which would you prefer? Why?
- Do you think that job is paid by the hour (wages) or a salary (an amount per year)? Which do you think you'd like better?
- Is that a job that works for a company or someone else, or a job where you work for yourself? Which would you like better? Why?

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Money Mission

Directions for adults

Share this short video with your child. When they are finished watching, have them answer the question and review their answers with them. The correct answers are highlighted below. (In Pink)

01

Imagine you get paid \$8 an hour.
Do you earn a wage or salary?

Wage

Salary

Both

02

Which of these is a salary?

A Crunchy Vegetable

Something for sale

\$30,000 a year

Extra Money from the Bank

03

True or false:
Tips are something a doctor might get after they do an operation well.

True

False

04

Check all reasons why a job might pay more.

You need special skills or training

Your have to work long hours

You can work from home

It's very exciting

Talk with your child about the video and connect your own work to the video's content. Explain whether you earn an hourly wage or are salaried. Share any specialized training or education that you need to do your job. Then, ask your child what some of their interests are, and help them think about jobs that might relate to those skills. Young kids often will mention a school subject, such as "I like art," or, "I'm good at math." Let them know that there are jobs such as graphic designer or architect that make use of those skills and interests. You can discover the training needed together.

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Dinner Discussion

Flashcards

Directions for **adults**

Use the flashcard deck to create a discussion around work-related topics at your family table. These cards can be used more than once. Set the stage by telling kids that there are no wrong answers. This is suitable for all ages. Just tailor your conversation to your kids.

1. What's most important to you at work?

- What you're doing?
- Who you're working with?
- How much you are earning?
- Or something else?

The purpose of these questions is to get kids thinking about trade-offs and work-life balance. Choosing a career is about prioritizing what is most important to you. For example, if you wish to work outside, you may need to start earlier in the day so that you catch daylight. In that case, you can't be a late sleeper! Help kids to understand that it's important to consider priorities and values, in addition to skills and interests when thinking about work. Prompt kids with, "Why?" so that they share more than a yes-or-no answer.

2. What do you like to do? Can you think of a job where you might do that?

Kids often give a school subject or a hobby. Keep them talking by asking them why they like that subject or activity, and help them to think about jobs where those skills or interests are used. If your child says, "I like animals," there are all kinds of jobs, from zookeeper, to vet tech, to animal trainer, to animal-assisted therapist, to veterinarian where you can work with animals. If you can't think of a job that incorporates your kid's interests, research it together.

3. What did you learn at your first job?

This is one for the adults! Think about your very first job. Did you learn a skill, or did you learn something about yourself. Share something that you learned, even if it's negative - I learned that I didn't like to stand on my feet for 8 hours a day, so I wanted to do jobs where I sat at a desk. Encourage your kids to think about things they like and don't like and relate them to jobs.

4. Do you think you'd like to be your own boss or work for someone else? Why?

This is an opportunity to discuss different kinds of jobs, from working in a company, to having a number of different "gigs" in which you do contract work for different people or companies, to becoming an entrepreneur and starting your own business. Find out what your kid is thinking and discuss the pros of each approach to work.

5. Do you think you'd like to work in an office or from home? What's good and bad about each?

This generation of kids has more experience with remote work (and school) than any other! What have they learned about remote work and collaboration? Find out their impressions and share your own successes and frustrations.

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Question 1

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- What you're doing?
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- Or something else?

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Question 4

Do you think you'd like to be your own **boss** or work for someone else? Why?

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Question 2

What do you like to do?
Can you think of a **job** where you might do that?

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Question 5

Do you think you'd like to work in an **office** or from **home?** What's good and bad about each?

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Question 3

What did you **learn** at your first job?

Let's **Bingo!**

Directions for **adults**

Gather small candy, coins, or pencils for making marks on the cards. Play Bingo by calling out the words and asking kids to define what they mean, or calling out definitions and asking kids to find the words. Make sure kids are getting the right answers before they lay their markers on the cards. Five in a row, any direction is "BINGO." Check the winner's card before ending the round.

Allowance	Money from a parent or guardian	Social Security Tax	Money you pay to help you after you retire or are unable to work
Earning	When you have to do a task or job to get money	Internship	A form of learning on the job, unpaid
Unemployment Tax	Money you pay to help out in case you ever lose your job	Pension	Money paid after we stop working; it's paid from National Insurance
Wage	A set amount of money for every hour worked; hourly pay	Career Matching Tool	A short quiz online that can suggest possible career paths
Salary	A set amount of money for a year; no matter how many hours worked	Savings Account	Place to keep money for later; not meant for saving; earns interest
Tips	Extra money you can earn in some jobs for doing a service well	Minimum Wage	The lowest amount that someone can be paid per hour, by law
Employee Benefits	Extras on top of salary or wages	Checking Account	Place to keep every day spending money; comes with debit card
Tax	The money everyone who has a job pays for public goods and services	Profit	To determine this, deduct expenses from revenue - it's the money leftover
Interest	Money paid for the use of someone else's money	Business Plan	It lays out how a business will meet its goals - what it will do, who its competition is, and how it will make money
Employee	A person working for another person or business for pay	Job Satisfaction	Finding work interesting or challenging in addition to earning what you need
Entrepreneur	Someone who has an idea they think will make money, and creates a business to do it	Apprenticeship	A form of learning on the job
Career	Working in a similar job or industry for a long time, gaining more experience, more responsibility and higher pay	National Insurance	National Insurance a tax that pays for healthcare and pensions

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Salary	Pocket Money	Interest	Wages	Light Work
Employee	Entrepreneur	Tips	Career	Income Tax
National Insurance	Apprenticeship	Free	Pension	Career Matching Tool
Savings Account	National Minimum Wage	Career	Employee Benefits	Current Account
Tax	Earning	Job Satisfaction	Profit	Business Plan

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Entrepreneur	National Insurance	Income Tax	Job Satisfaction	Career Matching Tool
Pension	Pocket Money	Current Account	Light Work	Wages

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