**Classroom Lesson Plan**

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| **Lesson Title** | **Grade Range** | **Time Needed** |
| Guess that Career! | 9 | 30-45 minutes |

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| **Domain** | **Mindset Standards** | **Behavior Standards** |
| Career | 1,4 | LS 1,9; SS 3,4,6 |

**Learning Objectives:**

* Become aware of careers we are surrounded by everyday
* Recognize the vast opportunities for careers past, present and future

**Supplies/Materials:**

* Guess That Career! Game (see attached)

**Outline:**

1. See Directions attached to Guess that Career! Game

**Process Questions:**

* How has this made you think about your future?
* How confident are you in what you want to be when you grow up?
* Do you believe there are more careers out there that have not yet been created?

“Guess that Career!” Game

(Recommend to print on card stock, cut apart and laminate)

Option 1:

1. Put a card on each participant’s back upon entering
2. Have all move around and ask “yes” or “no” questions of other participants
3. Object is to guess what Career is taped to their back

Option 2:

1. Put participants in groups
2. Pass out a card to each participant
3. Give clues to other in group to guess their card

Option 3:

1. Give each participant a card as they enter
2. Each participant gives clues to large group
3. Large group tries to guess career

All ways are good discussion starters.

Careers color code

* Unusual jobs that pay well
* Great job Opportunities
* Futurist Jobs
* ODD Jobs

Resources

* [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com) (10 Unusual Jobs That Pay Surprisingly Well)
* [www.cnn.site.clickability.com](http://www.cnn.site.clickability.com) (10 little-known fields with great job opportunities)
* [www.wfs.org](http://www.wfs.org) (Productivity enhancing technologies may eliminate jobs, but innovation will create more)
* <http://jobs.aol.com> (20 Odd Jobs: from Gross to Weird)
* [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com) (20 Odd Jobs)
* <http://data.bls.gov> (labor statistics/trends and salaries)

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| Accent Reduction Specialist  (trying to understand/communicate with people with heavy accents)  Degree/Training: Masters/PhD & state issued license in speech language pathology  Salary: NA (too new to tell) |  | Casting Director  (casting actors in commercials, movies, plays, etc.)  Degree/Training: No specialized training  Salary: $42,333 |
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| Child-life Specialist  (work with sick children and their families in hospitals, hospices and programs for children with serious illnesses & diseases)  Degree/Training: Bachelor’s & one year working with children in a hospital  Salary: $43,997 |  | Creative Perfumer  (mixing several scented chemicals to concoct the perfect fragrance)  Degree/Training: a good nose and lots of patience  Salary: $21,791 |
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| Orthoptist  (vision trainer for patients with correctable vision defects like cross or lazy eye)  Degree/Training: Bachelor’s & 2 years of directly related training  Salary: $40,280 |  | Prosthetist  (help patients with partial or total absence of limbs by custom creating custom fit braces or artificial limbs)  Degree/Training: combination of over 4 years of directly related training or experience  Salary: $58,134 |

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| Program Analyst  (work for federal or local governments providing information on the most effective way to carry out a project or procedure)  Degree/Training: Master’s in public policy preferred  Salary: $63,610 |  | Program Evaluator  (work with a variety of different clients in non-profit to corporate evaluating programs to make suggestions for better efficiency)  Degree/Training: No specialized training  Salary: $56,647 |
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| Prospect Researcher  (identify prospective donors who are likely to contribute to a cause; typically employed by non-profit organizations)  Degree/Training: no specialized training  Salary: depends on organization |  | Surgical Technologist  (scrub into surgeries and assist surgeons, nurses and other operating room personnel)  Degree/Training: training programs last 9-24 months; lead to certificate, diploma or Associate’s degree  Salary: $33,777 |
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| Embalmers  (entails getting bodies ready for interment based on legal requirements)  Degree/Training: Associate’s & on the job training; state specific licensure  Salary: $43,680 |  | Hot Dog Vendor  (pushing a metal pushcart and selling hot dogs)  Degree/Training: creativity, diligence and willingness to take risk  Salary: $30,000-$100,000 |

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| Personal Shopper  (personal shopping for other people)  Degree/Training: no specific training; love to shop  Salary: $25,000-$100,00 |  | Funeral Service Manager  (planning, directing or coordinating the services and resources of funeral homes)  Degree/Training: Associate’s & on the job training; state specific licensure  Salary: $79,930-$140,740 |
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| Ice Cream Taster (Food Scientist)  (conduct research and experiments to improve the quality of ice cream)  Degree/Training: Bachelor’s in chemistry  Salary: $56,000 |  | Virtual Head Hunter  (finds employers offering rewards for jobs they posted on-line; finding employees for employers)  Degree/Training: no specific training; internet skills helpful  Salary: $250-$10,000 per referral |
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| Genetic Counselor  (assess individuals or family risk for a variety of inherited conditions, such as genetic disorders and birth defects)  Degree/Training:  Salary: $55,820-$85,790 |  | Live Mannequin/Human Statue  (posing for designated amounts of time in window displays, in retail stores, etc.)  Degree/Training:  Salary: up to $100 hour |

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| Body Part Model  (modeling particular body parts for certain products; i.e. Hand model for lotion)  Degree/Training: no specific training  Salary: $20-$1,000 an afternoon |  | Cruise Ship Entertainer  (entertain guests/passengers on cruise ships; i.e. Magician, music/singing, etc.)  Degree/Training: specialize in your own entertaining skill  Salary: $3,000-$4,500 a month + room/board |
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| Personal Rapid Transit System  (potential to become the largest infrastructure project the earth has seen)  Jobs Created: station designers and architects, traffic-flow analyzers, command center operators & construction teams  Salary: ??? |  | Atmospheric Water Harvester  (an emerging solution to one of earth’s most vexing problems)  Jobs Created: site collection lease managers, system architects, purification monitors  Salary: ??? |
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| The Sharing Economy  (new way of living and working that is creating some amazing business models around the use of “other people’s stuff”)  Jobs Created: sharability auditors, corporate sharing managers  Salary: ??? |  | The Quantified Self  (big data is building a measurable information sphere around each of us becoming more aware of our deficiencies and pieces needed to shore up our shortfalls)  Jobs Created: quantified self-assessment auditors, data contextualists, deficiency analyzers, skill quantifiers, guardians of privacy  Salary: ??? |

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| Commercial Drone Industry  (FFA plans to develop and incorporate drones into US airspace)  Jobs Created: drone standards specialist, drone docking designers, etc.  Salary: ??? |  | Bio-Factories  (new process for creating substances that are too tricky or expensive to grow in nature)  Jobs Created: gene sequencers, treatment monitors, bio-factory doctors)  Salary: ??? |
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| Extinction Revivalists  (people who revive extinct animals)  Degree/Training: ???  Salary: ??? |  | Robotic Earthworm Drivers  (robots who silently mine the landfills and replace whatever is extracted with high grade soil)  Degree/Training: ???  Salary: ??? |
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| Avatar Designers  (designers who discover how to make an avatar emerge from a screen and walk around among us)  Degree/Training: ???  Salary: ??? |  | Clone Ranchers  (raising “blank” humans to take over a human personality when ready and then be elevated to human status)  Degree/Training: ???  Salary: ??? |

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| Gravity Pullers  (the first wave of people to unlock the code of influencing gravity)  Degree/Training: ???  Salary: ??? |  | Body Part and Limb Makers  (organ agents who grow and produce organs from scratch)  Degree/Training: ???  Salary: ??? |
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| Memory Augmentation Therapists  (creators of a better grade of memories to change who we are and pave the way for an entirely new wave of humans)  Degree/Training: specialized counseling degree  Salary: ??? |  | Amnesia Surgeons  (doctors who are skilled in removing bad memories or destructive behavior)  Degree/Training: doctorate degree  Salary: ??? |
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| Horse Rider/Exerciser  (ride race horses on non-race days & prepare them for their jockeys)  Degree/Training: high school diploma, plus 7 years of experience  Salary: $50,000 |  | Sommelier  (also known as a wine steward usually works at an upscale restaurant and does everything that is related to wine in that business)  Degree/Training: certification program & experience  Salary: $51,000 |

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| Bingo Manager  (bingo workers in a casino who manage payouts, handles customer complaints, & maintains local, state and federal guidelines)  Degree/Training: 5+ years of customer service experience  Salary: $56,000 |  | Elevator Inspector  (someone who inspects elevators in all types of buildings and structures)  Degree/Training: certification programs  Salary: $60,000 |
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| Locomotive Engineer  (operate passenger and freight trains; monitor speeds, air pressure, batteries, etc.)  Degree/Training: specialized training to include classroom, simulators and on-the-job  Salary: $64,000 |  | Breath Odor Evaluator  (someone who smells bad morning breath or induced bad breath, rates it on a scale and then re-smells the breath after odor reducing products are used)  Degree/Training: a good nose  Salary: $19,000 - $50,000 (varies based on odor potency ) |
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| Paper towel Sniffer  (someone who smells paper towels before and after use to ensure the towel itself does not stink)  Degree/Training: a good nose  Salary: $19,000 - $50,000 (varies based on odor potency ) |  | Foley Artists  (someone who creates and records sounds for film using whatever they can find)  Degree/Training: apprentice programs  Salary: $23,000 - $94,000 |