

Using Your Interests to Explore Occupations

You can use your interests to explore careers. Interests are good to use because you probably will find that occupations that meet your interests will be more satisfying and rewarding for you than occupations that don't meet your interests.

Remember, though, that interests are just some of the information that you can use to explore careers. Other useful information about yourself: your abilities, work values, experience, education, and motivation are also important in exploring careers. The more aspects of yourself that you use to explore careers, the better chance you have of finding satisfying work.

You can think of the occupational interests as your liking or preference for certain work activities. The Interest Profiler measures interests in each of six Interest Areas described below. Read over the definitions to get a better understanding of your occupational interests.

The links for each Interest Area will display a list of occupations that match that interest. You can then use the occupation links to learn more about the occupation.

Social

Your Score : 14

People with social interests like work activities that assist others and promote learning and personal development. They prefer to communicate more than to work with objects, machines, or data. They like to teach, to give advice, to help, or otherwise be of service to people.

Conventional

Your Score : 2

People with conventional interests like work activities that follow set procedures and routines. They prefer working with data and detail more than with ideas. They prefer work in which there are precise standards rather than work in which you have to judge things by yourself. These people like working where the lines of authority are clear.

Artistic

Your Score : 2

People with artistic interests like work activities that deal with the artistic side of things, such as forms, designs, and patterns. They like self-expression in their work. They prefer settings where work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

Enterprising

Your Score : 1

People with enterprising interests like work activities that have to do with starting up and carrying out projects, especially business ventures. They like persuading and leading people and making decisions. They like taking risks for profit. These people prefer action rather than thought.

Investigative

Your Score : 0

People with investigative interests like work activities that have to do with ideas and thinking more than with physical activity. They like to search for facts and figure out problems mentally rather than to persuade or lead people.

Realistic

Your Score : 0

People with realistic interests like work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They enjoy dealing with plants, animals, and real-world materials, like wood, tools, and machinery. They enjoy outside work. Often people with realistic interests do not like occupations that mainly involve doing paperwork or working closely with others.