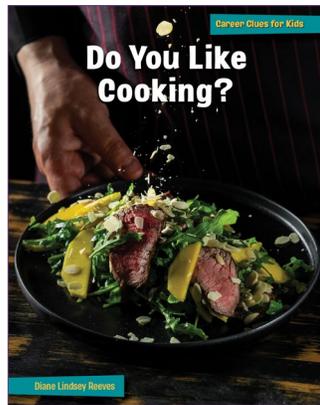


Classroom Activity Guide

Career Clues for Kids



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Introducing Career Exploration's Superpower: Self-Awareness!

Connecting your personal interests, abilities, and curiosity is one of the best ways to find a career that works for you. That is true now, as middle school students start exploring career opportunities for the first time. It is also true as they mature and face career decisions throughout their lives. This skill is a keeper!

The *Career Clues for Kids* draws middle grade readers into process by connecting career exploration with topics that are likely to invite age-appropriate interest. Each of the eight titles in this series poses a question:

- Do You Like Building Things?
- Do You Like Cooking?
- Do You Like Experimenting with STEM?
- Do You Like Getting Creative?
- Do You Like Keeping Up with Fashion?
- Do You Like Playing Sports?
- Do You Like Saving Planet Earth?
- Do You Like Taking Care of Animals?

The titles encourage readers to look for clues based on things they are good at doing, things they especially enjoy doing, and things they want to know about. This playful series invites students to connect their own interests, abilities, and curiosities with ten different careers introduced in each book.

THE INTRODUCTION IN EACH BOOK DESCRIBES THREE AREAS FOR SLEUTHING OUT CAREER CLUES:

INTERESTS

These are some of the things that define who you are and what makes you tick. What do you like doing best?

ABILITIES

These are things that you are naturally good at doing. Another word for ability is talent. Everyone has natural talents and abilities. Some are more obvious than others. What are you good at doing?

CURIOSITY

Curiosity about a subject keeps you at it until you learn what you need to know. It is how people in every profession you can imagine get good at what they do. What do you want to know more about?

The *Career Clues for Kids* reproducible handouts included in this guide offer readers a chance to identify these clues and check them against a variety of different career options.

Reading Levels	Grade Reading Level	Grade Level Equivalent	Interest Level by Grade
Do You Like Building Things?	R	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Cooking?	R	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Experimenting with STEM?	S	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Getting Creative?	R	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Keeping Up with Fashion?	S	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Playing Sports?	S	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Saving Planet Earth?	S	4	3 – 6
Do You Like Taking Care of Animals?	R	4	3 – 6

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Emerging Tech Careers

Emerging Tech Careers (8 titles) introduces tomorrow's high-tech opportunities today!



Find Your Future in STEAM (5 titles) introduces careers related to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics.



Get a Job (6 titles) introduces surprising opportunities in familiar places like the Airport, Construction Site, Grocery Store, Hospital, Landfill, and Shopping Mall.



World of Work (16 titles) introduces students to each of the nationally recognized career clusters.

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Name _____

I read **Career Clues for Kids**: _____

(title of book you read)

Investigate Your Interests

Your interests provide clues about the kinds of careers you might enjoy doing. You get to do anything you want to do for an entire day. What would you do? Where would you go? Who would you want to see? Describe the best day of your life here:

What do you like to read? Is it mysteries or adventure stories? Graphic novels? Online blogs? News about current events?

- 1
- 2
- 3

What is one thing you can do for hours without getting bored?

What is your favorite thing to talk about?

What careers can you think of that connect to your interests?

What is your favorite game?

What is your favorite show to watch on TV?

What are your favorite things to do after school?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Name _____

I read Career Clues for Kids: _____

(title of book you read)

Find Evidence About Your Abilities

Abilities are things you are really good at doing. They include talents and skills. Some abilities come naturally. Many others can be learned and practiced.

Things I am good at doing:

Things I would like to get good at doing:

Things My Future Employer Wants Me to Get Good at Doing:

- ___ Being a leader
- ___ Coming up with creative ideas
- ___ Talking with other people
- ___ Working as a team

- ___ Listening and following instructions
- ___ Showing a good attitude
- ___ Solving problems

- ___ Staying on track with my schoolwork
- ___ Getting along with other kids
- ___ Using technology

Clue Into Your Curiosity

Every person in every job needs to be an expert in something. Whether it is a rocket scientist or a plumber, they need to know more about doing their career than other people know. To do this they must be curious and seek out information through learning and training.

What is your favorite subject in school?

What do you like talking about with your friends?

What is the most interesting thing you have ever learned about?

What kinds of nonfiction books do you like to read?

What kind of museum would you like to visit?

What if you could invent a class where you could learn all about something you really want to know about. What would that class be about?

If you could create a super interesting class for school, what would it be about?

Name _____

I read Career Clues for Kids: _____

(title of book you read)

My Career Clues Investigation

The career I liked reading most about is: _____

Interests connected to this career are:

1

2

3

Subjects you need to be curious about to do this career include:

1

2

3

Abilities you need to do this career are:

1

2

3

Things I can do to prepare for this career are:

1

2

3

Here's why I think this may (or may not) be a good career choice for me: