

Researching a Career: Informational Interview

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will research a specific career and practice conducting an informational interview.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- paper
- pen
- internet-connected device (for background research)
- a family member, neighbor, or family friend to interview (in person, by phone, or role-played)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Choose one specific career from your Week 2 starred list to research in depth for the rest of this quarter.
2. Spend 10-15 minutes researching your chosen career online, taking notes on: typical daily tasks, required education/training, and average work environment.
3. Write 5 informational interview questions you would ask someone who actually works in this field (e.g., 'What does a typical day look like for you?', 'What do you like most about your job?', 'What's one challenge in this career?').
4. Conduct your interview with a real person who has relevant work experience (any career, even if not your exact chosen field, to practice the skill), OR role-play the interview yourself by researching and writing realistic answers based on your online research.
5. Write a summary paragraph (4-5 sentences) of what you learned from the interview and how it compares to what you expected.

QUESTIONS

1. What career did you choose to research, and what are 2 of your 5 interview questions?
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2. What did you learn from your interview (or research) that surprised you?
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3. According to your research, what education or training is typically required for this career?

4. How did the interview (or your research) compare to what you originally expected about this career?
