






MY CAREER CLUSTER INVENTORY

Career inventories help you discover new things about yourself. You will answer questions about your likes and dislikes in this worksheet. Your answers will be used to find groups—or clusters—of occupations that match your likes. There will be many clusters of occupations for you to explore when you finish.


ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THE CAREER CLUSTER INVENTORY

Click on **CAREER CLUSTER INVENTORY** in CIS. Read the directions. Choose the face that best matches how you feel about the activity described. Number 1 is “Go Fishing.” How much do you like to go fishing? Click the face that best describes how much you like to go fishing. If you have never been fishing, you can answer “NOT SURE.”

| LIKE A LOT | LIKE | NOT SURE | DISLIKE |
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If you do not know how to answer a question, you can read about it. Click on  **Explain**. This will tell you about what it's like to do that activity.

SAVING YOUR CAREER CLUSTER INVENTORY

Click the  **Save** link in the top right corner of the screen. You can save in the middle of answering the questions if you need to. The  **Save** will save your answers and your results in your portfolio.

I saved My Career Cluster Inventory in my portfolio.

The names of three clusters that had my top scores:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

WHAT IS A CLUSTER?

A cluster is a group. There are 16 clusters in CIS Jr. Each cluster is a group of occupations that share common knowledge and skills. In middle school, you will want to explore many clusters.

LOOKING AT THE CAREER CLUSTER INVENTORY RESULTS

Read the descriptions below. Put a checkmark in the circle if you like the cluster. You do not have to check the clusters with high scores if you do not want to. Check at least three clusters.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

You could work with plants, oceans, animals, and forests in this cluster. You could inspect or harvest products from farms, gardens, forests, streams, and oceans. You could make sure our water is safe to drink. If you like working with animals or in the outdoors this is a good cluster for you to consider.

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION

You could work with ideas and objects in this cluster. You could design or build houses, buildings, highways, or bridges. You might make designs and plans for new houses or buildings. You could use the plans to build new structures and manage a crew of workers. Another option would be to take care of, repair, or restore houses or buildings. You could also work on a wrecking crew and tear things down. If you like details and making things, this is a good cluster for you to consider.

ARTS, AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMUNICATIONS

You could create and communicate in many ways in this cluster. There are two options if you work in this cluster. One option is to be the actor or artist. The other option is to work behind the scenes. You could help make the concert or newspaper happen. You would use your creative talents. In addition, you might use computers and technical equipment. If you like to create things in order to show ideas, this could be a cluster for you.

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION

You could organize people and things if you work in this cluster. You might provide office support to keep a business running. You might keep track of the costs of running the business. You might train new employees to do their jobs. You could even run the company. If you like details and organization, then this is a good cluster for you to consider.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

You could guide and train people if you work in this cluster. As a teacher you could influence young lives. You could also work in a school as a counselor, librarian, or principal. You could train adults for businesses, too. Each of these occupations gives you a chance to help people learn and improve their lives. If you like helping people and explaining ideas, this might be a cluster for you.

FINANCE

You would deal with money if you worked in this cluster. You might help people plan for their future. You could keep the records for businesses. You could work in a bank, an insurance company, or an investment company. Most people in this cluster enjoy organizing information. If you like math, this might be a good cluster to look at.

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

You could work with agencies and people if you worked in this cluster. You could be a city planner who plans ways for towns and cities to grow. You could deliver mail. You might interview people who need help buying food or seeing a doctor. You could also be an inspector to make sure that laws and rules that help people are being followed. Most people in this cluster enjoy following rules and making the lives of people better.

HEALTH SCIENCE

You would promote health and wellness in this cluster. You could focus in many different areas of medicine. You could work directly with people. You might do testing and research. Health service staff work in hospitals, offices, and schools. You might work on a cruise ship or at a sports arena. Most people in this cluster enjoy helping people.

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

You could help people enjoy vacations or athletic events. You could work in a cafe, hotel, sports arena, or travel agency in this cluster. You might manage a college dining hall. You may be a skilled athlete. You could lead high school students on a tour. You might lead a group on a hike in the Grand Canyon. Or you could rent gear at a recreation center or resort. Most occupations in this cluster will require a positive, cheerful outlook.

HUMAN SERVICES

You would work with persons and families in this cluster. You could help people with their personal problems. You might cut hair or give massages. You could help people get benefits from the government. Many people in this cluster perform a service for others. In this cluster, you would work directly with people. You also need a lot of dedication.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

You would work with computer hardware and software in this cluster. You might design new computer tools. You could create new games. You might make sure the software is running right. You could be the one who trains people to use technology. People in this cluster are good at using computers to do work.

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SECURITY

You could protect other people in this cluster. If you are interested in this cluster, there are several options for you. One is to guard the public and enforce the law. You could fight fires. Or you could keep places secure. You might give legal advice. If you like to watch crime shows, this might be a cluster for you.

MANUFACTURING, INSTALLATION, AND REPAIR

You might put things together in this cluster. You might design a new product. Or you might make the product. Once things are sold, you may keep them working. In this cluster you need to be interested in working with machines.

MARKETING, SALES, AND SERVICES

You would sell products and services in this cluster. You might create ads. You could solve customer complaints. You might sell things to customers in person or online. If you enjoy talking to people, you should look at this cluster.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

You would work with ideas and research in this cluster. There are many paths in this cluster. One path is to do research in labs. Another path is to plan or design products. Another path is to assist other scientists. If you like science, this might be a good cluster to consider.

TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND LOGISTICS

You might help make machines move in this cluster. This cluster has three paths to follow. One path is to move people or products. The second path is to repair vehicles to keep them working. The third path is to work behind the scenes to make sure things get to the right places on time. People in this cluster need to be able to follow schedules and instructions.

INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

Look at the clusters you checked because you liked them. Think about what these clusters might have in common. Write any similarities in the space below. Example: work outside; work with people; use math.

What are the clusters that had your lowest scores? Put an "X" in the circle in front of the clusters that had your lowest scores. What do you think your low-score clusters have in common? Example: work outside; work with people; use math.

REFLECTION

Write what you learned from taking this career cluster inventory in the box below. You will enter your answer in your **MY PLAN**.

WHAT I LEARNED FROM THE CAREER ASSESSMENT I USED...

Name of test _____ Date I used it _____

I learned that I _____

MY FAVORITE CLUSTER...

Check your favorite clusters in the My Favorite Cluster checklist in **MY PLAN**. Your favorite clusters do not have to have high scores from your inventory. You can choose any cluster you want to select as a favorite. You can also change these later if you want.

I chose at least three clusters in My Favorite Clusters Checklist in my portfolio.

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

REVIEWED BY: _____