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PAWS IN JOBLAND

Cool activities to help you think about your future

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Meet Paws! He’s your guide in Jobland, so he’s joined us here. Tag along with him to learn all about the world of work. You’ll learn about the jobs you see every day and discover some new jobs.

You’ll soon learn that Paws is pretty friendly. He’ll help you think about your goals and what you want from a career. Does that sound like serious business? Let Paws show you around and you’ll have fun on the way.
Jobland is a big place, so it's divided into areas like neighborhoods. We call those areas career clusters. All of the careers in one cluster will have some things in common.

If you like one career in a cluster, you might like some of the other careers, too. Exploring career clusters is a great way to look at careers that might interest you.
Here are the career clusters you’ll find in Jobland:

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Science
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, Audio-Video Technology and Communications
- Business, Management and Administration
- Education and Training
- Finance
- Government and Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Transportation, Distribution and Logistics

Unscramble the words

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So why should you look around Jobland now? You have lots of time to make up your mind before you have a career, right?

Paws isn’t going to ask you to make any big decisions. He’s showing you the careers that are out there so you can start to think about the ones that might interest you. There are a lot of cool jobs that many people haven’t discovered. Maybe one is perfect for you!

It’s also a good time to start thinking about what you want your life to look like in the future. Having a plan will make it easier to reach your dreams.

If you start now, you will have lots of time to think about your options. And when it’s time to plan your courses in the next step in your education, you might even have some ideas.
Career Word Search

There are many different kinds of jobs in Jobland. Can you help Paws find these jobs in the word search?

MECHANIC  SCIENTIST  ASTRONAUT  FLORIST
LAWYER  DETECTIVE  DOCTOR  SINGER
FARMER  COOK  NANNY  ARTIST
JUDGE  WELDER  DENTIST  PRINCIPAL

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Career Trait Matching

Jobs can be very different from each other. In some jobs, the workers are inside all day. In other jobs, workers are outside. Some people work alone, while others are in a group. Which careers sound good to you?

Draw a line to match each career trait with a career.

- helping: farmer
- organized: librarian
- indoors: registered nurse
- creative: accountant
- mostly sitting: artist
- outdoors: athlete
- active: judge
How many careers?

You see people at work every day in your neighborhood. How many careers can you think of? Make a list of as many careers as you can.

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Maze

Help! Paws has been so busy showing us around Jobland that he has lost his bone. Can you help him find it?
Career Paths

Your career path isn’t always a straight line. Many people change jobs, or even careers, as they go through their lives. One hundred years ago, people often had one job for their entire lives. This isn’t always true anymore. You might change as you grow older. Your goals might change. And careers can change too.
Interesting Careers

You’ll be happier in your career if you’re doing something that interests you. You will spend a lot of time at work, so you want your job to be something that you enjoy. You also want to think about how your career will fit with the other things in your life -- things like a family or your hobbies.

Which jobs do you think are interesting? Make a list of the most interesting careers – in your opinion!

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Your Future Life

Your career is just one part of your life, but you want your job to be a good fit with everything else. Things like your family, where you live, how much money you have and your hobbies can all be affected by your career.

What do you think your life will look like in the future? It might help to think about the things that are important to you. We all have different goals. What are your goals?

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Career Values

Your values are things that are important to you. If your job fits with your values, you will be happier when you go to work.

There are many different values when it comes to a career, so your values might be different than your friends’ values. That’s normal! The important thing is what YOU want from your career.
### Work Value Word Search

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Review

Here is a review of what we’ve learned so far. Can you fill in the missing words?

Paws is our guide through Jobland. The careers in Jobland are divided into areas called __________ clusters. It is good to explore these clusters to see jobs that have some things in __________.

As we move through life, our interests and goals can __________. That means we might want to change careers at some point.

You’ll be happier in your career if you’re doing something that __________ you.

Work __________ are things that are important to us in our career. We all have __________ values. Finding a career that fits your values will help you enjoy your work.
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Proclamation

Let’s think a bit about what we’ve learned so far. You’ve learned about the value of planning for a career that can help you have the kind of life you want to have. That’s great!

Now it’s time to start taking action on what you’ve learned. We’ll start with a promise to work hard to put your plans into action.

I, ________________________________, promise to work hard to reach my goals. I will stay in school and focus on learning as much as I can.

I will think about the careers that interest me and I will have a clear plan for the future. I will research all the options in my plan and ask for help when I need it.

I am willing to work to make my dreams come true!

Signed: ____________________________________________

on __________________________.
Dear parent:

Thanks for using the Paws in Jobland activity book! This book is designed to introduce your child to the world of work through fun activities. By helping your child as they go through the book, you’ll have opportunities to engage them in discussions about their goals. Encourage them to ask you any questions they might have.

As your child works through this book, they will have opportunities to start thinking about their goals for their life. They’ll consider their values and how those values can fit into their career plans. We explain the diversity of careers in today’s workplace and help them explore the ones that might interest them.

These activities are just a starting point in what will be a lifelong learning process for your child!

If you want to continue exploring with your child, you’ll find more activities at: