

Career Paths Ahead

Trace how long-term work connects to education and training.

SS.8.FL.1.1 “Explain that careers are based on working at jobs in the same occupation or profession for many years. Describe the different types of education and training required by various careers.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each career or occupation named in the passage. Underline every word or phrase that tells what education, training, or credential prepares someone for a career.

Preparing for a Career

- ① People often use the word job for work done now, but a career is a longer path. A career develops as a person works in the same occupation or profession over many years. For example, a worker may begin as a dental assistant, gain experience, and later take a lead role in dental assisting. The duties can change, but the work remains in the dental-care occupation. A career may include several employers, promotions, and new responsibilities.
- ② Education and training depend on the career's tasks and level of responsibility. A high school diploma and on-the-job training may prepare someone for many entry-level jobs, such as retail sales. Apprenticeships combine paid work with classroom instruction for skilled trades, including electricians. Some careers require a certificate or license after specialized study, such as emergency medical technicians. Professions such as teaching, engineering, or pharmacy usually require college degrees. Many workers also complete continuing education to keep skills current or meet license rules.
- ③ Planning a career means comparing a person's interests with the preparation a field requires. Maya enjoys solving building problems, so she researches engineering programs. She learns that engineers commonly earn a bachelor's degree and may need a professional license for certain work. Her cousin Luis wants to become an electrician. He can apply for an apprenticeship, where he will learn safety procedures and electrical skills while working with experienced electricians. Both paths can lead to long-term careers, even though their education and training are different.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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According to the passage, what makes a career different from a job?

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Why can the dental assistant's early role and later lead role be part of the same career?

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What two parts does an apprenticeship combine, and which career in the passage uses this type of training?

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How are Maya's and Luis's preparation paths different?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two careers that are not named in the passage. For each one, show how a person could grow from an early role to a later responsibility in the same occupation, then name education or training that could prepare the person.

CAREER	EARLY ROLE TO LATER RESPONSIBILITY	EDUCATION OR TRAINING THAT COULD PREPARE SOMEONE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each career or occupation named in the passage. Underline every word or phrase that tells what education, training, or credential prepares someone for a career. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	According to the passage, what makes a career different from a job?	A career is a longer path in the same occupation or profession over many years, while a job is work done now.
2	Why can the dental assistant's early role and later lead role be part of the same career?	The worker stays in the dental-care occupation, even though duties and responsibilities change.
3	What two parts does an apprenticeship combine, and which career in the passage uses this type of training?	An apprenticeship combines paid work and classroom instruction. Luis can use it to become an electrician.
4	How are Maya's and Luis's preparation paths different?	Maya's engineering path commonly requires a bachelor's degree and may require a professional license. Luis's electrician path can use an apprenticeship with work and classroom instruction.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

CAREER	EARLY ROLE TO LATER RESPONSIBILITY	EDUCATION OR TRAINING THAT COULD PREPARE SOMEONE
Carpenter	Apprentice carpenter to crew leader	Apprenticeship with paid work and classroom instruction
Web developer	Junior web developer to senior developer	Coding certificate and supervised on-the-job training

Accept accurate career pathways that remain within the same occupation and show growth over time. Accept reasonable education or training routes, since requirements can vary by employer, location, and specialty.