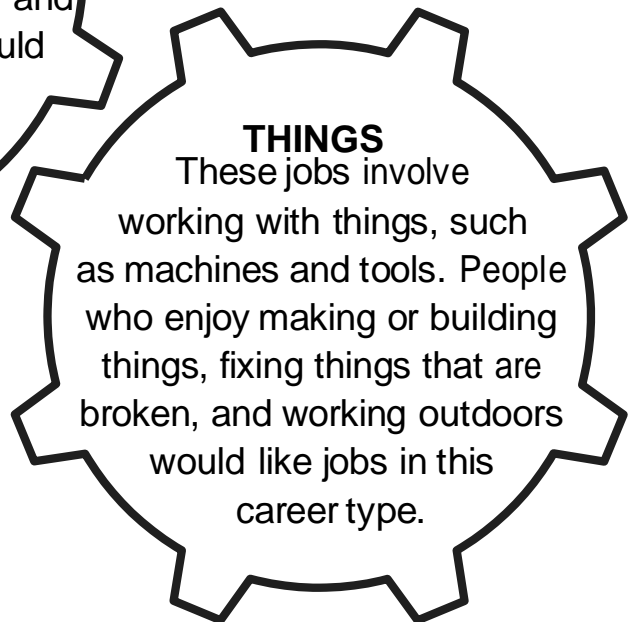
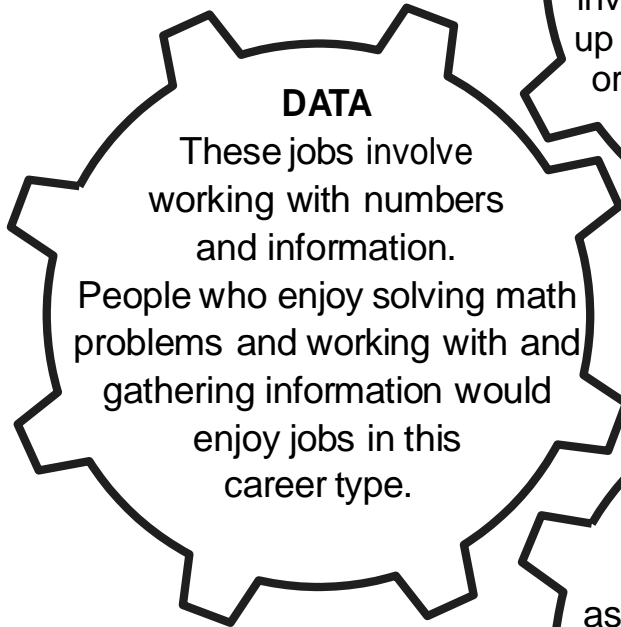
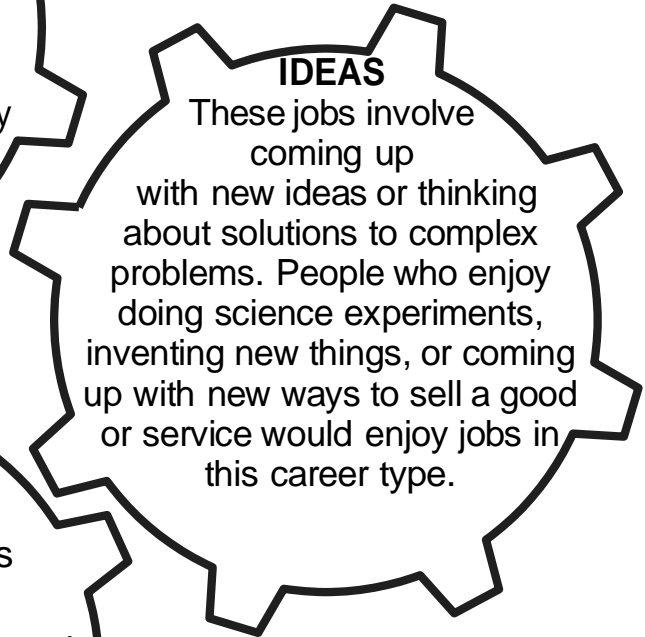
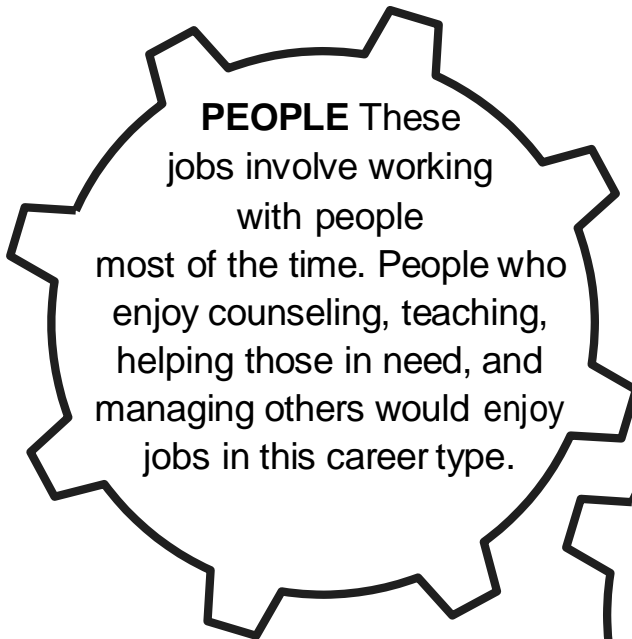


CAREER TYPES

1. One way to categorize careers and occupations is to group them into types of careers by interests.
2. Look at the career types in the gears on the next page. Each of these career types represents a category of jobs related to people's interests.
 - **A people career** involves working with others and using compassion and communication skills. People careers include counselor, day care provider, salesperson, teacher, and psychologist.
 - **A things career** involves working with your hands making, fixing, or doing things. Some examples of this type of career would be carpenter, firefighter, locksmith, plumber, and biofuel technician.
 - **An ideas career** involves coming up with new ideas or thinking about solutions to complex problems. Examples would be detective, aerospace engineer, inventor, and writer.
 - **A data career** involves working with numbers and information. People who like to work with numbers and computers may enjoy jobs such as accountant, bank teller, computer programmer, and website developer.
3. Many jobs feature a combination of career types. For example, a chemist works with laboratory equipment and chemicals but also has to solve problems with innovative ideas.
4. All careers are worthwhile, and we can each use our own skills and interests to find the one that best fits our strengths. The career types are shown in gears to emphasize the fact that different careers all work together to keep a community running smoothly.
5. Complete the Interests and Skills survey. Think about the types of careers that interest you. Consider sharing your career ideas with a teacher, friend, or family member.

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Sort the career choices into their career type groups by writing them on the lines. Think of one of your own for each group and write it in.

PEOPLE

Careers

counselor, day care provider,
carpenter, firefighter, writer, bank
teller, computer programmer

IDEAS

DATA

THINGS

Careers

teacher, detective, locksmith,
aerospace engineer,
accountant, bank teller,
website developer, inventor

Interests and Skills Survey

Name _____

People whose jobs are closely related to their interests and skills are usually much happier at work than people who are working in jobs that are unrelated to their interests and skills.



1. List up to eight things you like to do. These are interests. Examples of interests include playing sports, writing, acting, singing, helping others, working with numbers, fixing things, researching, baking, sewing, making crafts, teaching, coding, drawing, or playing a musical instrument.

2. Review your interests above. Circle the interests for which you also have a high level of skill.
3. Look at the interests that are circled above. Which of these activities is your favorite among those that are circled? (If none are circled, write down the interest you like the most.)

4. To which of the four career types (people, ideas, data, or things) does the activity listed in #3 belong?

5. What other jobs that belong to this career type might you enjoy doing?
