

The World of Work

You have at least one job right now, and that job is to get an education so that you will become a self-sufficient member of society. Some of you may hate this job; others may tolerate it; and others may actually enjoy it.

The world of work is not much different from the world outside of school, except that you earn money for what you do. In both worlds, you must meet a schedule or deadlines. In both worlds, you must meet a schedule or deadlines. In both worlds, your achievement is measured. In both worlds, your supervisors have certain expectations.

Think about your job as a student, other jobs you may have had and jobs you will have in the future. Then write about the world of work, as it affects you.

Getting Started

1. What kinds of jobs or careers have the people in your family had – grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters or other adults close to you? Do most of them enjoy their work, or do they just tolerate it? Is there any relative you hope to emulate, when it comes to work?
2. Do you think it is possible to like work? Why or why not?
3. What was the first paying job you ever had? Was it cleaning the garage for your father? Carrying groceries for a neighbor? Baby-sitting? Describe the job and how you felt about it.
4. What was the worst job you ever had, whether you got paid for it or not? Why was it the worst?
5. What was the best job you ever had, whether you got paid for it or not? Why was it the best?
6. Have you learned anything from working?
7. What kind of job or career would you really like to have as an adult? What kind of work setting would fit you best? What kind of training will you need for the kind of work you want to do?