

Career Choices

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Career Choices**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What was your first job, and what did you learn from it?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
profession	a paid occupation, especially one requiring special education	<i>She chose medicine as her profession because she wanted to help people.</i>
entrepreneur	a person who starts and runs a business, taking on financial risks	<i>The young entrepreneur launched a tech startup after graduating.</i>
internship	a temporary position offering practical experience in a field	<i>During his internship at the law firm, he learned courtroom procedures.</i>
networking	the act of interacting with others to exchange information and develop contacts	<i>Effective networking can open doors to job opportunities you wouldn't find otherwise.</i>
promotion	advancement to a higher position or rank within an organization	<i>After three years of hard work, she earned a promotion to senior manager.</i>
career path	the progression of jobs and experiences that shape a person's professional life	<i>His career path moved from junior analyst to chief financial officer over a decade.</i>
job market	the availability of employment and the demand for workers in a particular area	<i>The current job market favors candidates with digital skills.</i>
work-life balance	the equilibrium between professional responsibilities and personal life	<i>She values work-life balance, so she looks for companies with flexible hours.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 What is your current job or field of study?
- 2 What did you want to be when you were a child?
- 3 What factors are most important to you when choosing a career?
- 4 How did you decide on your current profession?
- 5 What skills do you think are essential for success in your field?
- 6 How do you think internships influence career decisions?
- 7 In your opinion, how does networking affect job opportunities?
- 8 What are the advantages and disadvantages of being an entrepreneur versus an employee?
- 9 How do you think the job market will change in the next ten years?
- 10 Should societies prioritize job security over personal fulfillment? Why or why not?

3 · Extension

Try this: *Role-play: One student acts as a career counselor, the other as a recent graduate torn between two fields. Conduct a short conversation offering advice, asking probing questions, and suggesting next steps.*