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Students will be able to:

- Explore different available career pathways
- Differentiate between hard skills and soft skills
- Recognize how different careers can be connected by similar skill sets



PROMPT:

Use the space below to answer the prompt.

- 1. Would you rather have a job you hate that pays \$120,000 or a job you love that pays \$40,000? Why?**



VIDEO: [Work or College?](#)

What should you do after high school? It's a big question, but don't panic. Watch this video that breaks down some different options. Then, answer the questions.

- 1. What are two options you can pursue after high school?**
- 2. Why might going to college be a good financial decision, despite the cost?**
- 3. What are the pros and cons of beginning work directly after high school?**



DO IT

ACTIVITY: [MOVE: Career Comparison](#)

ACTIVITY: [INTERACTIVE: Which Jobs Align with My Interests?](#)

As you explore different career paths, you might find there are many different jobs that could fit your interests and skills. As you complete this activity, consider which jobs appeal to you and how they might be related. Follow your teacher's directions to complete one of these activities.



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EDPUZZLE: [Hard Skills vs. Soft Skills](#)

Now that you've explored your career path, let's look at the skills you'll need to develop to get there. Workplace skills are often divided into two categories - hard skills and soft skills. Watch this video to learn more about these two types of skills. Follow your teacher's directions to answer the questions either in your student activity packet or within the EdPuzzle itself.

NOTE: EdPuzzle videos shuffle answer choices and do not always match the order provided in the lesson here.

1. Which of the following options is an example of a HARD SKILL?

- Leadership
- Data analysis
- Adaptability
- Collaboration

2. Which description best defines SOFT SKILLS?

- Skills that an employee acquires only after staying at one job for longer than 6 months
- Interpersonal people skills that can be used in every job
- The ability to write a strong resume and cover letter
- Job-specific skills and knowledge required to perform a task

3. David wants to develop his soft skills. Which strategy would be most effective?

- Complete a certification for a new technical skill
- Research the job description for a position he wants to apply for and practice only the first two skills required
- Avoid situations that require working with other people
- Practice skills like active listening, creative thinking, and flexibility in the real world over time

4. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- a. Soft skills are mandatory for only customer service positions, while hard skills are mandatory for all other jobs
 - b. You will only be hired if you demonstrate more soft skills than hard skills in your resume and interview
 - c. It is important to have a balance of hard and soft skills in the workplace, so that your efforts are efficient and professional
 - d. Most employers immediately hire candidates after assessing their hard skills through their degrees, training, and certifications
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ARTICLE: [Employment Skills Listed by Job](#)

Every job requires its own unique set of hard and soft skills. This article lists many different industries and jobs. Click the job you are most interested in and review the skills needed for that job. Then, answer the questions.

1. Complete the following sentence-starters:

- a. The job I selected is...
- b. A hard skill I will need for this job is...
- c. A soft skill I will need for this job is...

2. Think about the skills needed for your chosen job. What experiences have you had that helped you build those skills? If you haven't had any relevant experiences, how could you develop those skills in the near future?

INFOGRAPHIC: [Grace's Path to Success](#)

Your career path is flexible. Even if you have one specific dream job in mind, there are many different ways to get there. Plus, the skills you'll build along the way can likely be applied in other jobs. Study the infographic and answer the questions.

1. "Transferable skills" are skills that you can apply to multiple different jobs or situations. For example, time management is an important skill for both a teacher and a restaurant manager. How might transferable skills help Grace navigate her career?

- 2. Your friend Farhana looks at Grace’s Path to Success and sighs heavily, saying “This just stresses me out even more. Once you pick a path, you’re stuck with that career forever.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?**



EXIT TICKET

Follow your teacher’s directions to complete the Exit Ticket.