

Do I Have What it Takes?

The student will understand and value the importance of not stereotyping job characteristics.

Grade Level

Elementary

Related Subject

Social Studies

Health

Concept

Self-Evaluation

Related Occupations

All occupations

Type of Activity

Individual/small groups

National Career Development Guidelines

Master academic, occupational, and general employability skills in order to obtain, create, maintain, and/or advance your employment. (CM 4)

Materials/Supplies

"Job Characteristics" worksheet, pen/pencil

Activity

- Distribute the "Job Characteristics" worksheets.
- Take each occupation individually and let students select the characteristics they think apply.
- Have students pick out characteristics necessary for all given occupations.
- Emphasize to the students that many occupations require common personality characteristics.
- Explain to the students that we stereotype men's and women's jobs. Look at the qualifications and see if the jobs would apply for either men or women.
- Form small groups and have students write a job description for a chosen occupation.

Evaluation

Students will have identified necessary job characteristics for male and female occupations and developed a job description for a specific career.

Job Characteristics

Name _____

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| A. Help people | I. Have good work habits |
| B. Be able to read well | J. Be able to talk to people |
| C. Be a good driver | K. Be able to handle many situations |
| D. Be able to type well | L. Know where things belong |
| E. Be able to do things quickly and well | M. Work well with hands |
| F. Be able to understand people | N. Like his/her work |
| G. Be able to run machinery | O. Be able to work as a team member |
| H. Be able to make good decisions | |

Sample Occupations

Fire Fighter _____

Police Officer _____

Mail Carrier _____

Office Manager _____

Doctor _____

Teacher _____

Nurse _____

Farmer _____

Bus Driver _____

Sales Clerk _____

Machinist _____

Receptionist _____

Dentist _____

Construction Worker _____

Day Care Worker _____

Chef _____

Pharmacist _____