

Career Charades

Audience

6th-8th grade school students

Time

30+ minutes

Materials needed

- Career Charade cards, (pp. 3-14, print single sided and cut)
- Box or container

Purpose

Students gain awareness of a wide variety of career opportunities and discover how they can be categorized into Oregon's 6 career learning areas. They reflect on career learning areas that they would like to explore further.

The facilitator script is below. Helpful suggestions and hints will be in *italics*.

1. Discover Oregon's Career Learning Areas.

People do many different jobs. Most of us know about some of the careers that exist, but no one knows all of them. No one could! There are more than 12,000 different careers that people can do. As the world changes, new careers are introduced every day.

In Oregon, we organize all the different types of careers into six learning areas. This helps colleges and employers design classes and training opportunities that can help students learn skills for more than one career. Every career belongs in one of these six learning areas:



Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Systems



Health and Biomedical Sciences



Arts, Information and Communications



Human Resources



Business and Management



Industrial and Engineering Systems

Discuss as a class why it might be helpful to know the different career areas:

- What career area(s) interest you the most?
- What are some careers you are interested in learning more about?
- What career areas do they belong to?
- What are the similarities and differences between these careers? Consider skills, tasks, education required, etc. that would be the same or different.



2. Play Career Charades.

Place all the cards in the container. Mix them up well.

Choose 2 students to start the game play. One should draw a card and, with the help of their partner, silently act out the listed the career. The first student to guess correctly chooses a partner and draws the next card. There may be multiple words to describe the same career (e.g., physician and medical doctor, real estate agent and realtor, etc.). You may choose to modify the game so students who guess an alternate title win the round. Students may not know the words for all the careers. If they can describe what the person does in the career, this is also an acceptable “win.” After each round, share the name of the career and what kind of work they do.

Continue play until all cards have been used or time is up. Use blank cards for additional career options.

Career charades cards include the career learning area. You may choose to play the game using just one learning area at a time. Or you may choose to play the game with all learning areas included. If you combine all the cards, students might start each round by first identifying the career learning area.

3. Extension Activities

Give each student one Career Charade Cards. Students can use Oregon CIS or other online tools to research the career. Challenge them to write a description of what someone who has this career does, what education is required to do the job and at least one Oregon college or university that teaches the necessary classes.

Extend the activity even more! Students can write a short story or draw a comic strip about someone who chooses the career. Include details like why they wanted to pursue the career, what and where they studied after high school and what an average day on the job is like.

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Commercial Fisher

catches ocean fish and other marine life
using nets, hooks & traps

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Farmer

raises crops and livestock to sell

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Logger

works in teams to build and repair roads,
cut trees and move logs

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Zoologist

studies animals and how they live and
grow

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Food Scientist

develops and improves food products that
are healthy and safe

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Environmental Scientist

studies problems in the natural world that
affect the health of living things

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Animal Geneticist

analyzes genetic makeup of animals to
discover why they behave in certain ways

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Florist

arranges flowers and plants into visually pleasing arrangements

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Landscape Architect

designs attractive and functional public outdoor spaces and plans the locations of buildings, roads, walkways and plants

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Park Ranger

protects, maintains, operates and repairs public park lands and facilities

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Wildlife Manager

engages various kinds of species in each ecosystem

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Fisheries Technician

ensures fish are well and fed and takes care of general maintenance at the fishery

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Golf Course Superintendent

maintains, operates and manages a golf course

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Fish & Game Officer

investigates hunting accidents and fish or game violations; issues hunting licenses

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ARTS, INFORMATION AND
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Painter

creates paintings that communicate ideas
thoughts or feelings

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Graphic Designer

creates designs for print, digital and film

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Author

uses words to share their thoughts in
books, magazines or online

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Actor

portrays characters for movies, television,
and plays

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Interior Designer

plans and designs spaces, chooses
furnishings for inside buildings

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Video Game Designer

creates the mission, theme and rules for
computer games

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Publicist

generates publicity for an organization,
product or person through marketing

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Musician

performs, composes conducts, arranges
and teaches music

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Dancer

uses movement and body language to
portray a character or story to an
audience, usually with music

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Photographer

takes pictures of different subjects, like
people, places or objects

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Journalist

researches and writes unbiased,
informational news articles and stories
about real events

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News Anchor

presents news stories to a television or
online audience in a clear and engaging
manner

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Magician

performs illusions to surprise and
entertain audiences

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Choreographer

designs steps, movements and dances for
others to perform

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Accountant

checks the accuracy of financial
information

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Wedding Planner

helps couples coordinate their wedding
day

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Influencer

creates content to share information,
images and advertising on social media

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Postal Carrier

delivers letters and packages to customer
homes

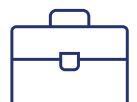
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Tour Guide

develops and leads activities for tourists
or visitors

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Chef

plans menus and prepares food

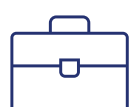
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Recruiter

finds and attracts qualified applicants for
open positions

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Entrepreneur

starts new businesses and build them to be profitable

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Manager

hires, trains and manages staff; ensures a safe work environment

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Marketer

promotes an organization or company's products and services

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Salesperson

sells products or services to customers; represents the brand

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Broker

negotiates sales transactions between two parties

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Real Estate Agent

connects buyers and sellers of homes and other buildings or property

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Scout

assesses the skills of athletes to find top candidates for college and professional teams

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Phlebotomist

draws blood from people for medical tests or donation

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Nurse

cares for people who are sick or injured in a medical clinic, hospital or sometimes at home

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Veterinarian

cares for animals to prevent illness and when they are sick or injured

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Dental Hygienist

cleans patients' teeth

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Paramedic or EMT

cares for sick or injured people in an emergency

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Personal Trainer

helps people set goals and learn to exercise safely

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Geneticist

helps patients understand how genes and heredity they impact their health

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Pharmacist

dispenses medication and provides information to patients about how to use them

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Counselor

helps clients identify goals and potential solutions to problems that cause emotional concerns

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Nutritionist or Dietician

helps people use food to improve health and to prevent or manage disease

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X-ray Technician

performs medical exams using x-ray machines on patients to create images of specific parts of the body

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Audiologist

diagnoses and treats hearing and balance disorders for people of all ages

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Optometrist

diagnoses and treats eye diseases and vision problems

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Medical Sales Director

sells medical devices to private companies and medical clinics

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Teacher

works in schools to instruct students

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Judge

reviews legal cases and makes decisions about them

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Detective

seeks information to solve crimes

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Hairstylist or Barber

washes, cuts and styles customers' hair

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Lawyer

advises and represents clients about legal matters

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Childcare Worker

cares for young children and keeps them safe

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Payroll Manager

handles all aspects of preparing and distributing pay to employees

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TSA Agent

provides security and protection for airplane travelers; prevents dangerous materials from getting on planes

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College Admissions Rep

meets with high school students to teach them about their college; reviews applications for admissions

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Firefighter

responds to fire alarms and medical emergencies to protect life and property from fire

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Librarian

organizes, manages and provides access to information in a library

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Politician

holds or runs for an elected office in government

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Political Aide

Prepares reports, conducts research, drafts legislation and prepares briefs

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Customer Service

listens and responds to customers' questions and complaints

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Auto Mechanic

inspects, maintains and repairs cars and trucks

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Furniture Maker

designs and builds new furniture

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Cost Estimator

collects and analyzes data to calculate how much time, money and materials are needed for a project

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Construction Manager

coordinates all the work on a construction site

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Architect

plans and designs buildings

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Welder

joins pieces of metal using heat

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Plumber

repairs pipe systems that carry water or other fluids

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Electrical Engineer

designs, develops, tests and supervises the manufacture of electrical equipment

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Civil Engineer

plans and supervises the construction and infrastructure like bridges and water systems

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Carpenter

constructs, repairs and installs wooden building frames, both indoors and outdoors

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Glazier or Glass Worker

installs glass products like windows, mirrors and shower doors

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Brick Layer

lays bricks, stone and concrete blocks; build and repair buildings and other structures

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Industrial Engineer

creates product designs before the manufacturing stage

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Heavy Equipment Operator

operates equipment for construction sites, snow removal, landscaping and more

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