



Activity Instructions

All About My Future

Essential Question What are some common careers and how does education prepare us for them?

Materials My Future activity sheet; pencils

Time Required 40 minutes

Directions

1. **Ask** your child to name several careers (for example, doctor, app coder, teacher).
2. **Write** these careers on a sheet of paper.
3. **Have** your child explain some responsibilities for each of the careers and add the career tasks to the paper.
4. **Ask** them how they think people prepare for these careers. Explain the role of higher education in developing the knowledge and skills for one or two careers on the list.
5. **Ask:** *What do you want to be when you grow up?* Write down their answers.

6. **Work together** to research how people prepare for that job. Discuss the role of education in developing the skills for their chosen career.
7. **Have** your child write down their career and education goals.
8. **Explain** that they will write a short letter telling a family member about their education and career aspirations and how they plan to accomplish these goals. Before they get started, review the format and parts of a letter with them. Visit [scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/letters-advice-and-encouragement](https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/letters-advice-and-encouragement) for a lesson about writing a letter.
9. **Give** your child the My Future activity sheet and support them in writing their letters. Encourage them to use vocabulary they learned during your discussion (e.g., college, higher education, career, etc.) when describing their goals.

BONUS: Help your child share their letter with the family member they wrote to.

My Future

Date _____

Dear _____ ,

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline. There are 10 sets of these lines for writing the letter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]