# Pathways to Partnerships





# PATHWAY TO DREAMS



2025 Student Resources

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:



# Path to My Dream Career

**11-14 INTERESTS & STRENGTHS** 

SUPPORTS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS

**ACCOMMODATIONS** 

### **VOCTIONAL INTERSET AREAS**

DISCOVERED THROUGH MY CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY

TARGET JOB

Entry level job that will help me gain experience or knowledge and advance towards ...

MY DREAM JOB





WHY THIS JOB IS IMPORTANT TO ME





### A PERSONAL GOAL

(new skill, tool, course/pathway in high school, etc)

WHO CAN HELP ME advocate or provide support along my journey to my dream job.

Parent/Guardian Teacher Career Instructor

Guidance Counselor GVRA CIL Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS**

(potential next steps after high school)

university technical college

oosovolt Warm Springs

Roosevelt Warm Springs (industry pathways) Other:

**GVRA** (on the job training)

ONE OF MY BIGGEST TAKEAWAYS FROM "PATHWAY TO DREAMS"



Networking BINGO allows you to connect with others and discover similar interests.

As you connect with someone for each box, write their name at the bottom of that box.

When you find all 9 unique connections, shout "BINGO!"

Find someone who...

has a birthday this month



has a pet that is not a cat or a dog



likes scary movies



wants to get a job to earn money



has been to an amusement park



plays a sport



plays a musical instrument



likes sour candy



has been on a ferris wheel



likes going to the beach



likes to play video games



has been on a boat



likes to swim



participates in their IEP meeting



has a disability



has been camping



Use the dream dream bubbles to fill in your personal desires for the future (job, career, goal, etc.). You may refer back to these ideas as you discover and explore in upcoming lessons!



# when I grow up ...

Even if you haven't given too much thought to careers, you've probably been asked what you want to be when you grow up. You might have even been asked this question many times. Your answer might have been the same or changed each time you were asked! For this activity, use the space below to either draw or write the first thing you remember wanting to be. Have you changed your mind or added other job ideas since then, or do you still want to be the same thing?



Now that you've started thinking about careers, what do you do next?

Take the career interest survey on pages 11 to 15 to kick start your thoughts about what direction you would like to head with future career plans. Completing the following steps will point you to some general work areas where you can explore career possibilities.

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Check off the activities that interest you in each of the boxes. Add each column. Total your answers to discover

# interestsurvey

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Taking care of pets in your neighborhood  Transplanting small trees  Planting and taking care of flowers plants  Working in a garden & creating landscapes  Nursing sick animals back to health  Brushing or grooming dogs, cats, and/or horses  Hiking & watching wildlife  Chopping wood & replanting trees  Identifying environmental hazards & sick/dying plants	Repairing small appliances Painting houses or buildings Using tools to make household repairs Cutting and shaping wood to build structures Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity Drawing floor plans Building simple circuit boards Laying brick or cinder block Landscaping and planting flower gardens
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Performing (music, drama, dance) for an audience  Creating graphic designs on a computer  Creating an original video or film  Sketching or painting pictures  Taking photographs  Writing poems, stories or plays  Making jewelry, sculpture, ceramics or stained glass  Designing a newspaper layout (artwork)  Being an announcer for an amateur radio station	Using a cash register Typing minutes of a school club meeting Filing or sorting mail or other papers Running your own business Developing Web pages and creating print layouts using desktop publishing Managing tasks for a group Preparing reports and analyzing data Typing documents for other people Volunteering to answer phones

# interestsurvey

□ Working as a kids' camp counselor or volunteer
 □ Tutoring young children
 □ Reading to elementary school students
 □ Giving instructions for/or directing a play
 □ Baby-sitting young children
 □ Organizing and shelving library books
 □ Peer counseling or mediation
 □ Helping at Special Olympics events
 □ Teaching young children in an after-school program

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<ul> <li>Investing money and studying investments</li> </ul>	W.

- ☐ Balancing a checkbook
- Opening a savings/checking account
- Being a treasurer for a school club
- Organizing a fund-raiser
- Collecting money for a school or community event
- Developing a budget
- Using spreadsheets and financial computer programs

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□ Campaigning for a political candidate
 □ Making political speeches
 □ Volunteering as an urban planning committee member
 □ Running for class office
 □ Planning and preparing budgets
 □ Participating in a debate
 □ Volunteering as a legislative aide

Learning and speaking a foreign

Researching and writing grants

language

□ Taking care of a sick relative
 □ Watching doctor/hospital shows on TV
 □ Learning first aid and CPR
 □ Volunteering at a retirement home
 □ Volunteering as a hospital aide
 □ Using a stethoscope to listen to someone's heart
 □ Identifying human body parts from a diagram
 □ Bandaging sports injuries with a trainer's help
 □ Assisting persons in wheelchairs with daily tasks

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<ul> <li>□ Working in a restaurant</li> <li>□ Planning vacations and other events</li> <li>□ Cooking, baking and serving meals</li> <li>□ Participating in sports or recreational activities</li> <li>□ Being a lifeguard</li> <li>□ Catering an event</li> <li>□ Working at a concession stand</li> <li>□ Exercising and working out</li> <li>□ Officiating a sporting event</li> </ul>	Making a family menu Working with the elderly Working at a shelter Shopping, comparing prices & consumer goods Listening & helping friends with problems Participating in youth groups or community groups Working as a dietetic aid Volunteering at a retirement home Volunteering to be a Big Brother/Big Sister
Developing software programs	Reading mystery novels  Listening to a police
<ul> <li>□ Building computers</li> <li>□ Playing video games</li> <li>□ Surfing the Internet</li> <li>□ Learning how to configure operating systems</li> </ul>	scanner  Watching mystery movies or courtroom dramas  Playing "Clue" or other mystery board games
<ul> <li>□ Installing software</li> <li>□ Learning how to assemble computer hardware</li> <li>□ Playing with electronic gadgets</li> <li>□ Designing video games</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Volunteering in a lawyer's office</li> <li>□ Following court cases in the news</li> <li>□ Participating in EMT training</li> <li>□ Volunteering to search for missing pets or persons</li> </ul>
Designing video games	Participating in search and/or rescue training

# interestsurvey

Welding or working with metals Repairing and upholstering furniture Creating wood carvings ☐ Taking machine shop classes Making belts or other leather goods Operating a printing press Installing and repairing home electronics Sewing, weaving, knitting or other needlework Building cabinets, shelves and other simple woodworking Total checks Visiting science museums Designing experiments Exploring caves and collecting rocks ☐ Watching the weather and tracking Using a computer to solve math problems and equations

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- Cutting & styling hair
- Selling products for a school fund-raiser
- Taking tours of new houses for sale
- Designing or modeling clothes
- Giving people advice on products they should buy
- Decorating your house and rearranging your furniture
- Planning and having a yard sale
- Arranging and selling flowers
- Fixing watches and clocks

### Total checks

- ☐ Identifying plants, animals and/or marine life
- Developing solutions to environmental problems
- Building model aircraft/boats/trains
- Learning about different cultures

Total checks

- Flying airplanes
- Repairing vehicles, bikes and engines
- Working in a warehouse or taking inventory
- Operating motorized machines or equipment
- Visiting space camps
- Building and repairing boats
- Operating a CB or ham radio
- Reading mechanical and automotive magazines/blogs
- Having a paper route

Total checks

# interestsurvey



Count the check marks in each section on pages 11-14 and place the total in the corresponding box below.



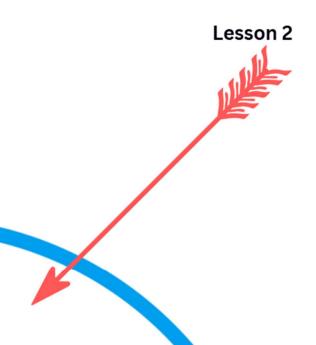
Source: Adapted from "Who R U" interest survey with permission from Virginia Career View.



As you can see, the interest survey is divided into 16 groups. Each group is a **career cluster**. Career clusters place similar occupations in groups. These clusters help you narrow the thousands of career options in the world to a general area of interest. The clusters connect what you learn in school to the skills and knowledge you need beyond high school. Some careers are placed in more than one cluster.

TARGET

JOBS



Explore career options by completing your TARGET JOB template. Begin by writing a job of interest in the center and then brainstorm related jobs in the outer rings rings. Remember, having a larger "target" helps you explore options that may provide experience that could lead to your dream job!

# Self-Advocacy Role-Play Scenarios

Work with a partner to apply and practice self-advocacy skills.

Take turns role-playing the employee and employer roles to practice requesting accommodations in the workplace.



At team meetings, your supervisor gives information verbally to the group. You have a difficult time writing down all of the instructions. You would like to ask for a copy of the instructions in writing.



You were trained to use a cash register when you were hired, but are still having a difficult time completing transactions without asking for help each time. You would like to ask for additional training for using the cash register.



You work as an insurance clerk at a dental office, and spend most of your day at your desk on the computer. You do not have the ability to walk and use a wheelchair to move around. The rooms, doorways and parking are all accessible at the office you work at. You have challenges while sitting at your desk, because your wheelchair does not fit under your desk and it is hard to reach things and do your work. You would like to ask for a desk that accommodates the width of your chair.



You have developed a medical condition that requires you to have specialized medical treatments two days per week. You are scheduled to begin work at 9am, but can not arrive until 11am due to your medical treatments. You would like to request a modified work schedule that will allow you to come in at 11am and then work two hours later on those two days each week.



You have significant hearing loss and will be starting a new job where you will be required to answer phone calls. You would like to request a phone with a display that will show you the text (words) that the caller is saying.



You work in a hotel at the check-in desk and must stand for long periods of time helping guests.

Standing for that long makes your feet hurt badly. You would like to ask for a chair to sit on while you assist guests.



You just started working at a smoothie shop and have a difficult time remembering all the ingredients and steps to make each beverage. You would like to ask for a visual task analysis showing you how to prepare the beverages step-by-step.



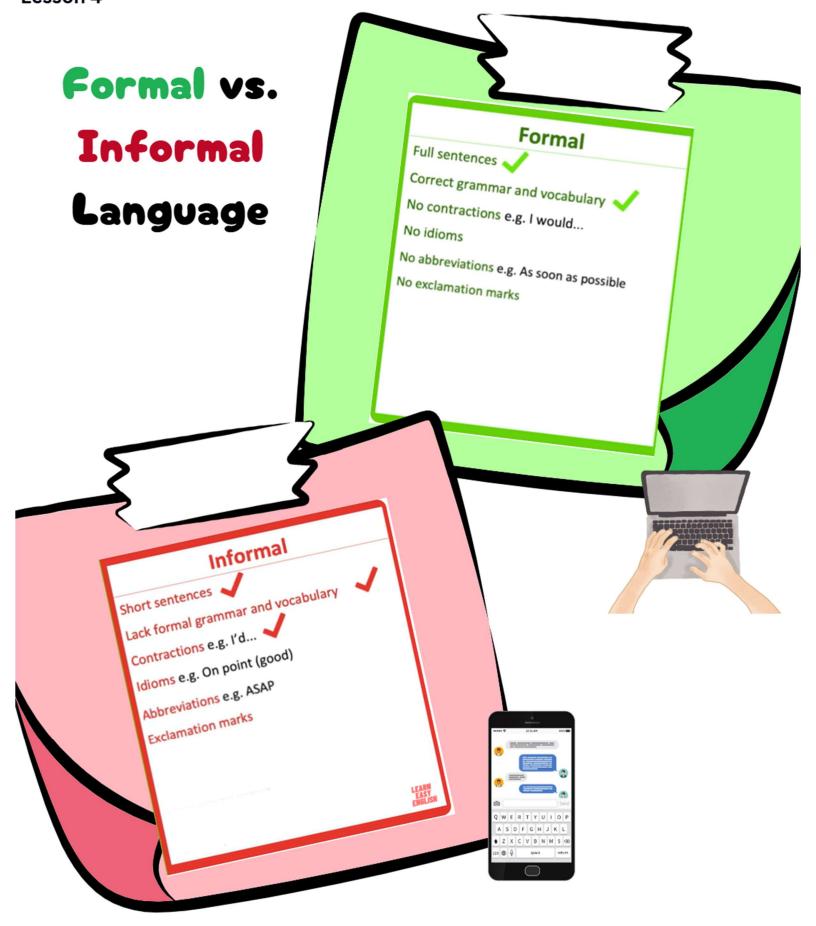
You work at a company that does not allow animals in buildings. You were recently approved for a service dog to support your medical needs related to seizures. You would like to request for your service animal to be able to attend work with you.



You are a teacher that just transferred to a new school building. You have a vision impairment and were using a screen magnifier on your previous computer. You would like to request one for your current computer.



You have auditory processing disorder, which makes it difficult for you to fully understand words in rooms or places with background noises and sounds. At work, you have a difficult time hearing/understanding on training days because information is provided to such large groups. You would like to ask for a listening device that allows the speaker to wear a clip microphone on their shirt and then transmit the audio to your earbuds.



### Formal Letter

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to complain about an incident that occurred in your restaurant on May 3, 2025.

While my family and I were enjoying our meal, we overheard staff members arguing in the restaurant. This type of behavior is extremely unprofessional and particularly distressing for my kids to have to hear.

My family and I have been regular customers at your restaurant for years, and we hope that we can continue to enjoy your service.

I trust that you will investigate this matter and take the necessary actions required to ensure customer satisfaction.

I look forward to hearing from you.

### Informal Letter

### Hello!

Let me tell you what happened when I visited your restaurant last week.

I'm a regular there. I came to the restaurant with my family. The food was on point but then we heard your staff shouting really loudly! This put me off my food!
I mean c'mon is that professional??
My child got upset. I was very angry.

You need to look into this matter please.

Do what is needed to make sure your customers are happy!

Please reply ASAP.







	July 21, 2025	Heading
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Greeting	Hey Susie!	may include just the date or your
	V	address and the date.
Codu	what's up? I'm finally getting	
Воду	settled after moving. I miss you	
	bunches and thought I would send	
	V	
	you a Note to say hi. How is your	
	puppy doing? He's so darn cute! My	
	mom is being lame and won't let me	
	get oneyet! ugh, time for	
	dinnergotta go! write back soon!	
	Closing Your BFF,	
	Signature May 7	

# - Professional - LETTER FORMAT

Sender's Information

Date

Recipient's Information

Greeting

Body

Closing

Signature

**Printed Name** 

Johnny Smith 123 Stevens Street Atlanta, GA 30334 September 21, 2024

Westbrook Middle School 345 ABC Lane Atlanta, GA 30334

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Johnny Smith. I am the executive manager at Retro Gaming Industries. I would like to request a meeting with the principal of Creekside Middle School, to discuss a career exploration opportunity for eighth grade students.

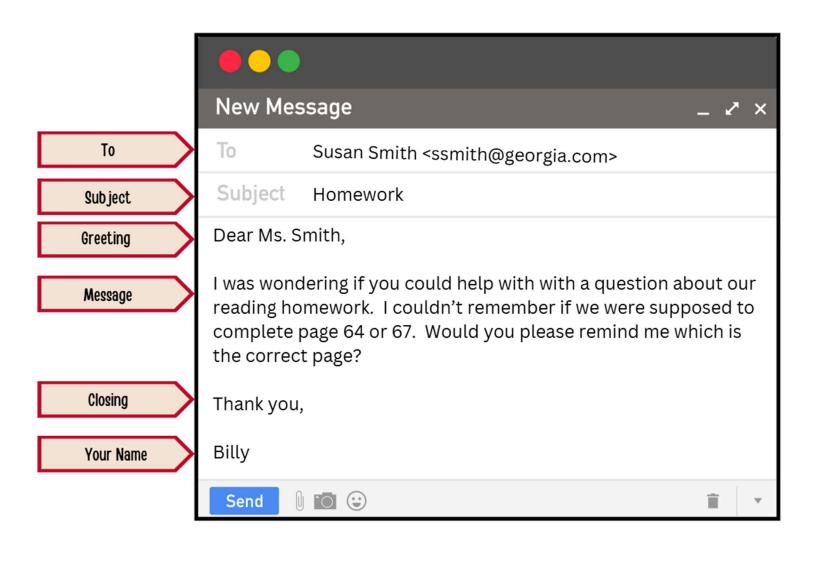
One of Retro Gaming's community goals is to assist local schools in providing meaningful exploration of future career opportunities to middle school students. Retro Gaming would like to extend an enriching learning experience for all eighth grade students. My phone number is (555) 755-5555 and my email is jsmith@retrogamingindustries.com. I look forward to your response.

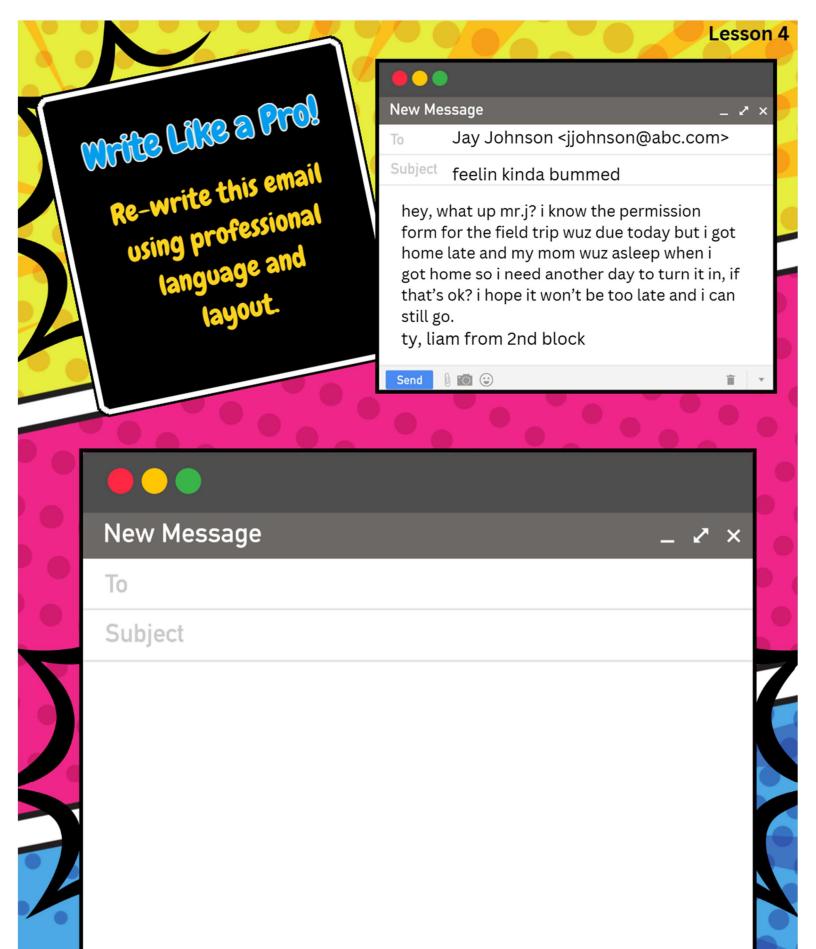
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Johnny Smith

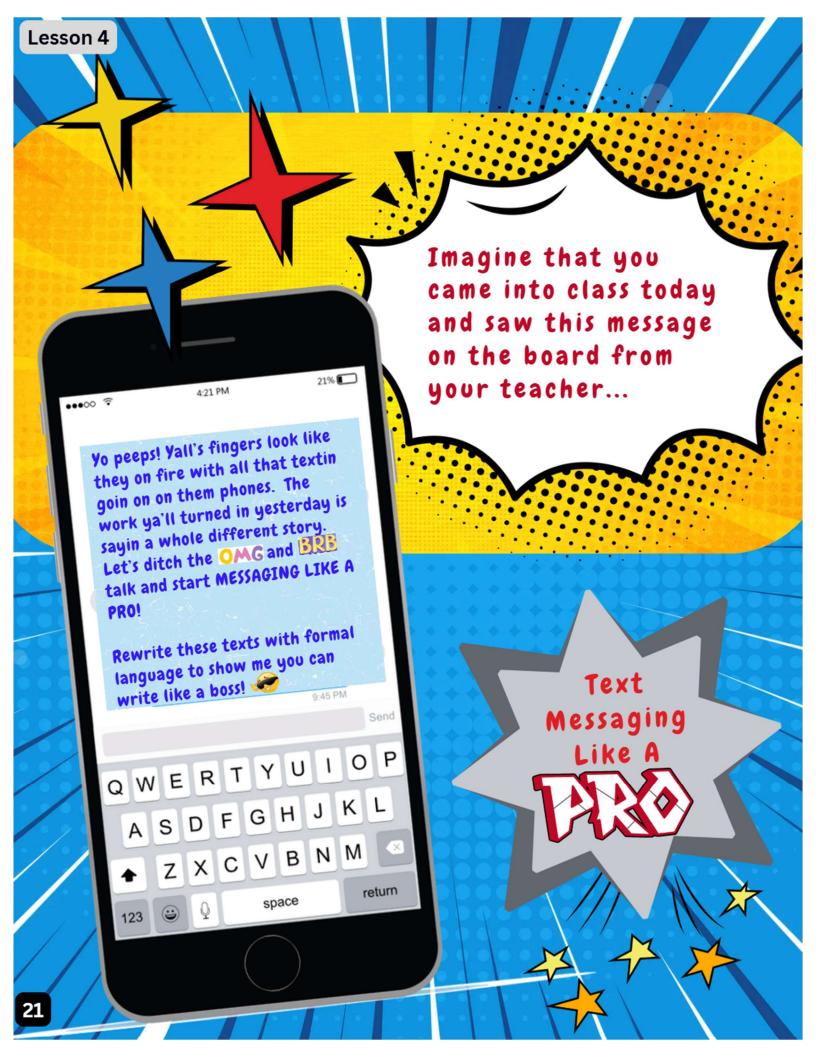
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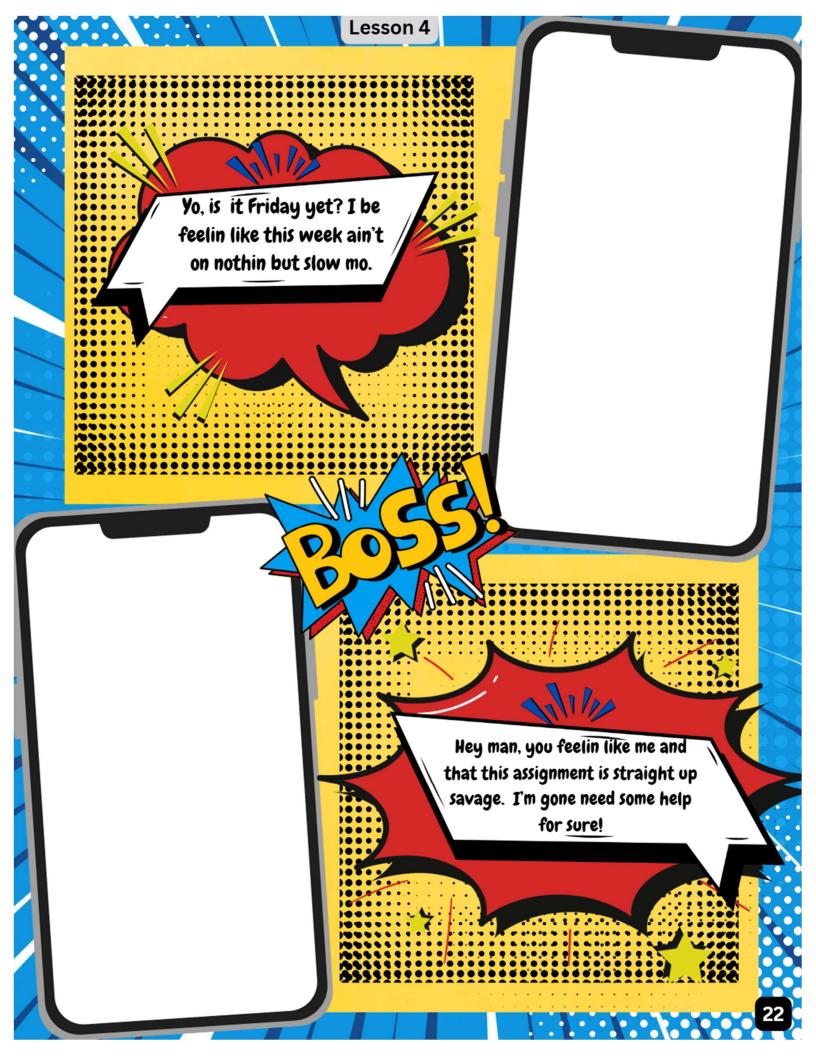






Send





# My Stress Management Plan

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Stress management strategies that can relax my mind and body, to prevent stress:
Stress management strategies to help me deal with stress and self-regulate during a challenging situation:





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<u></u>	Challenge #2: The Surprise Task from Mr. Parker - It's 2:00 PM, and your team is feeling confident about finishing your group presentation by the end of the day. Suddenly, Mr. Parker, your supervisor, drops by and asks you to include a new section in the presentation that wasn't originally planned. This new task needs to be completed by 4:00 PM. How will you and your teammates adapt to this last-minute change? How can you divide the responsibilities and work together to ensure the presentation is read on time?
	Challenge #3: New Shift Manager at Fresh Mart - You work at Fresh Mart, and your team's shift  manager, Ms. Thompson, has been reassigned to a different store. Now, Mr. Rodriguez has taken her place. Mr. Rodriguez has a very different management style and prefers to have frequent team meetings and has implemented new procedures for stocking shelves and handling customer service This is a big change from Ms. Thompson's more relaxed approach, where team members had more independence. How will you and your co-workers adapt to this change in management? What steps can you take to ensure that the transition goes smoothly, and that your team continues to provide excellent service to customers while following Mr. Rodriguez's new guidelines?



Let's think through a problem using the 5-step process together!

- 1.Identify the Problem What's the issue that needs solving?
  2.Gather Information What facts or details do you know about the problem?
  3.Brainstorm Possible Solutions Think of different ways to solve the problem.
- 4. Evaluate and Choose the Best Solution Which solution is the most practical and effective? 5. Implement and Review Try the solution and see if it works. If it doesn't, go back to step 3

### PROBLEM SAMPLE

### **Group Project Disagreement**

**Problem:** Two group members disagree on the project format.

### 5-Step Solution

- Identify the Problem: The group is divided between creating a model or writing a research paper, with a deadline coming up soon and no progress.
- Gather Information: What are the strengths of each option? How much time and effort will each require? What are the project requirements? Can the two ideas be combined?
- Brainstorm Possible Solutions:
  - Combine the two ideas by creating a model with a written report.
  - Vote as a group on which idea to pursue.
  - Assign roles based on preferences one works on the model, the other on the paper.
- Evaluate and Choose the Best Solution: Combining both ideas could meet everyone's preferences and meet the project's requirements.
- Implement and Review: Start working on both parts. Divide tasks efficiently to ensure progress is made before the deadline.

Name	Date
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Directions: Use your problem solving prowess to solve the school related conflicts below:

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### PROBLEM #1

Your group is assigned a science project, but two members disagree about what the project should focus on. One wants to create a model, while the other wants to do a research paper. The project is due in two days, and no progress has been made yet.

Problem: How can you resolve the disagreement and complete the project on time?

### PROBLEM #2

You overhear your best friend saying something negative about you to another classmate. You feel hurt, but you're unsure whether to confront them or let it go. You don't want to ruin the friendship, but you also don't want to ignore the issue.

 Problem: How should you address the misunderstanding with your friend while maintaining your relationship?

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### PROBLEM #3

You are involved in several extracurricular activities, including soccer, band, and student council. You also have a big Georgia History test next week, but your schedule is packed, and you feel overwhelmed with no time to study.

• Problem: How can you manage your time better to balance schoolwork and activities without sacrificing your performance?

### PROBLEM #4

You notice that a classmate is being left out and teased by others during lunch and class activities. They don't seem to have many friends, and you feel bad watching it happen. However, you're afraid that if you step in, you might also be left out of the group.

 Problem: What steps can you take to help the classmate without putting yourself in a vulnerable position (position of being hurt)?



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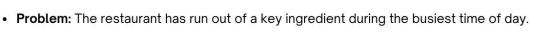
You're a sales clerk at a sporting goods store. A customer is looking for a popular brand of running shoes, but they are out of stock in their size. The customer is upset and needs the shoes for a race this weekend.



• Problem: How can you help the customer without the item in stock?

### PROBLEM #2

It's lunchtime at the fast-food restaurant where you work, and you've run out of ketchup packets. Many customers are asking for them, and some are frustrated.







Name: Janee Dunson

Address: USA

Phone: (555) 123-4567

**Objective** 

I want a job.

**Education** 

Middle School

and High School

I might go to school to learn more about webpages.

**Skills** 

Good at stuff.

Can talk.

I know how to use the computer. Experience

Volunteer, place with animals

I helped.

Job, babysitting

I watched kids.

**Achievements** 

I achieved in school

# SARAH AMELIA

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### EDUCATION

### SECONDARY SCHOOL

Really Great High School

GPA- 3.5 2019-2022

### **BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY**

University of Georgia

GPA- 3.8 2022-current

### SKILLS

Web Design

Webpage Creation

Coding

New Technology

Problem-Solving

Microsoft Programs

Strong Communication

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Honor's Society

Honor Graduate

Volunteer Recognition for most

hours volunteered

### OBJECTIVE

I am a qualified and professional web developer with five years of volunteer experience of managing a website for my local animal shelter. Strong teamwork and creative. Team player with an eye for detail. I am seeking to join your team as your next part-time webpage designer.

#### EXPERIENCE

### WEBPAGE DESIGNER

Local Animal Shelter, Volunteer Position

#### 2017-present

- · Create webpage
- · Maintain webpage, adding content
- · Analyze webpage views and survey data

### SCHOOL WEBPAGE COORDINATOR

Really Great High School, President of webpage club

### 2020-2022

- · Team leader for student high school webpage content
- · President of webpage club
- · Lead meetings
- · Increased club participation by 100%

#### BABYSITTER

Local Babysitter

### 2020- present

- Cared for children ages 2-8, ensuring their safety and entertainment
- · Developed fun and educational activities

Resume Review #1: Candidate's Name:

Lesson 9

# Resume Components Checklist

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Resume includes an Objective Statement: A short statement about wanting the part-time APP Developer position and what they offer to the position
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Resume includes a Skills: Their unique abilities or talents "Super Skills" that are useful for the APP Developer job
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Overall, a good resume and great candidate to interview

### **Resume Reviewer Team Task:**

Resume Review #2: Candidate's Name:

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### **Resume Reviewer Team Task:**

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Resume Review #3: Candidate's Name:

Lesson 9

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### **Resume Reviewer Team Task:**

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### Resume Reviewer Team Task:

Overall, a good resume and great candidate to interview

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