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Career clusters are groups of related occupations and industries that share common skills, knowledge, and educational requirements. They help you explore career options and understand how different jobs connect within an industry.

Why are Career Clusters Important?
- **Organize Career Exploration:** Career clusters make it easier to explore a wide range of jobs that align with your interests and skills.
- **Educational Planning:** They help you choose courses and activities that prepare you for your desired career path.
- **Career Awareness:** Understanding career clusters helps you see the connection between school subjects and real-world careers.

How to Use Career Clusters:
1. **Identify Interests:** Think about your favorite subjects, hobbies, and activities.
2. **Explore Clusters:** Research career clusters that align with your interests.
3. **Set Goals:** Use your findings to set academic and career goals.

Example Career Clusters:
- **Business, Management, and Administration**: Includes careers focused on managing business operations and supporting organizational goals, such as business analysts, project managers, and human resources managers.
- **Health Science:** Includes careers related to the promotion of health and the treatment of diseases, such as doctors, nurses, and medical technicians.
- **Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources:** Involves careers related to farming, forestry, and natural resource management, such as agricultural engineers, environmental scientists, and food inspectors.
- **Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications**: Encompasses careers in creating, producing, and managing visual and audio content, including graphic designers, video producers, and public relations specialists.
- **Education and Training**: Involves careers dedicated to teaching, developing curriculum, and training others, such as teachers, instructional coordinators, librarians, and school counselors.
- **Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics**: Encompasses careers related to the movement and storage of goods, such as logistics coordinators, truck drivers, and supply chain managers.
- **Finance**: Involves careers focused on managing money, investments, and financial planning, including financial analysts, accountants, and financial planners.

Activity: Write down three activities or subjects you enjoy. Then, find a career cluster that matches each one. Share your findings with a partner.
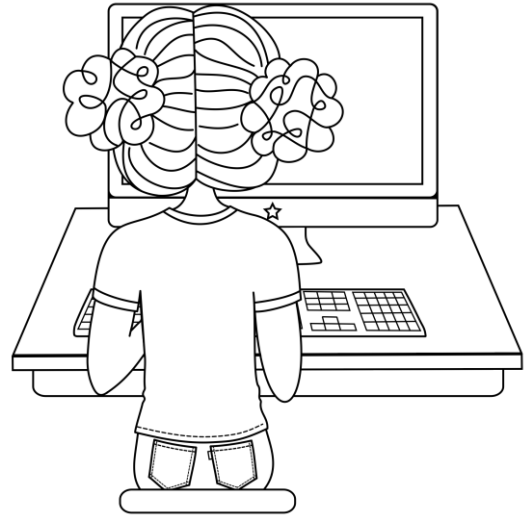
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Researching Career Clusters

Task:
For this assignment, you will explore one career cluster in depth. You will research the different jobs within the cluster, the skills and education required, and how these careers align with your interests and strengths.

Instructions:
1. **Select a Career Cluster:** Choose a cluster that interests you.
2. **Research Jobs:** Find at least three jobs within the cluster. Write a job description for each job.
3. **Identify Skills:** Note the key skills required for each job.
4. **Education Pathways:** Identify the education and training needed.
5. **Career Alignment:** Reflect on how these jobs match your personal interests and skills.

Career Cluster: _____

Job 1:	
Job Description	
Skills Required	
Education Required	
How does this job align with my interests?	

Job 2:	
Job Description	
Skills Required	
Education Required	
How does this job align with my interests?	

Job 3:	
Job Description	
Skills Required	
Education Required	
How does this job align with my interests?	

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Exploring Career Clusters Reflection

Write a short journal entry reflecting on your career cluster exploration.

You might use these questions to guide your reflection:
- What did you learn about career clusters?
- How might this knowledge influence your future career decisions?
- How do these jobs align with your interests and strengths?
- What steps can you take now to prepare for a career in this cluster?

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