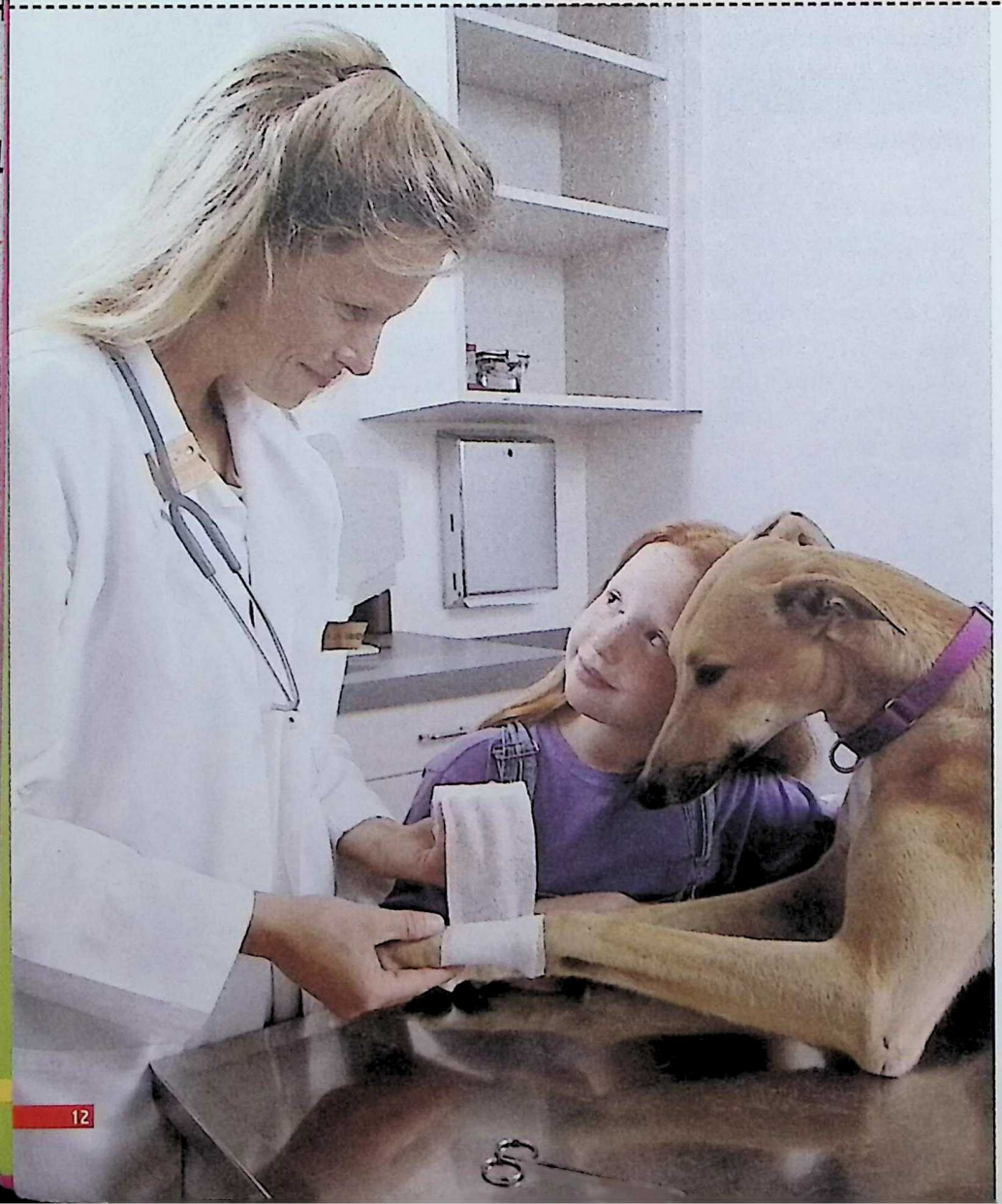
Careers

It's never too early to start thinking about different careers and learning about the skills and education they require.





1. Check Out the Classifieds

Read three want ads (help wanted ads) from a newspaper or an online job site. What do all those abbreviations mean? What experience or education is needed for each job? How do the salaries compare? Would you like to have any of those jobs? Why or why not?

2. Work Is Funny

If you read through the comics in the newspaper, you'll come across many that are written about working life. Find out why work can be funny. If you don't get the joke in a comic strip, ask someone who works to explain it to you.

3. Hobbies Can Be Golden

Imagine doing something you love and earning money for it! Your favorite hobby can become a career. Ask five adults whether hobbies they had as children are related in some way to their careers. What did you learn from talking to them?

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4. A Career for You

Pick a career you might like to have. Find out about the education or special training needed to get a job in that field, and the salary (what you earn when you are starting out and after ten years). What clothes, tools, or equipment are used in this career? Is it hard to get a job in this field? Think of a way to share what you found out with others.

5. Thinking on Your Feet

Almost every career requires quick thinking. Try this activity to test how well you think on your feet.

1. Count the number of girls in your group. Then prepare a slip of paper for each girl.
2. On each slip of paper write a word. You can write simple words like "cat," "shoe," "pencil," or "thumb," or more complicated ideas like "friendship," "peace," or "poverty."
3. Fold up the slips and place them in a container.
4. Each girl takes a turn, pulls a slip out of the container, and has to stand up and talk for 30 seconds about her topic. Think 30 seconds is too short? Try it! You'll see how long 30 seconds can be when you have to think on your feet.

6. Time's a'Wasting

Time management skills are essential when you work. Find out how to manage time well by reading the time management section of the "Be Healthy, Be Fit" chapter in your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*. Do one of the activities in that section.

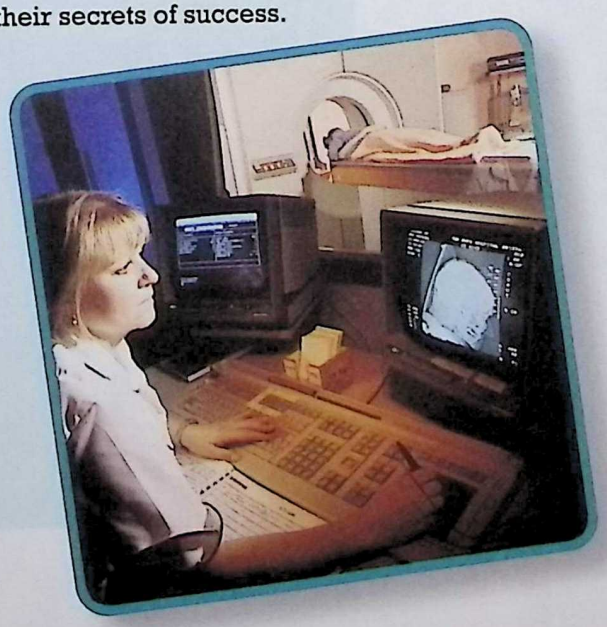
7. Interviewing 101

A job interview makes almost anyone nervous. But a good interview—one in which you stay calm, cool, and collected—can get you your dream job. Practice going on an interview to make the jitters go away. Pick a partner, then:

- With your partner, choose a job from the newspaper want ads.
- Decide on the questions the interviewer would ask to find the best person for the job.
- Decide on how the interviewee (the person who wants the job) would answer the questions to make the best impression.
- Role-play an interview. Take turns being the interviewer and the interviewee.

8. Role Models

Get information about three women who have successful careers. Interview them to find out about their secrets of success.



9. Getting Along in Groups

Almost every job requires you to get along well with others. Read the section about getting groups on track in the "Adventures in Girl Scouting" chapter of your *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*. Ask a working person why conflict resolution skills are important in the workplace.

10. Computers on the Job

Talk to people who work about how they use computers at their jobs. Find out at least five different ways computers are used. Share your information with others.

