

English Lesson 6: Teacher Guide

The objective of this activity is to assist students to compare two occupations they are seriously considering. They will summarize their findings in an essay in order to help them decide which occupation best aligns to their interests, skills, and work values. Students must use Kuder Navigator® for occupational research and then type a one-page report that will compare the two chosen occupations based on the topics of work tasks, potential salary, employment outlook, required level of education or training, and the student's level of current interest.

Introduction to Assignment

One important tool in decision making is the comparison of two or more items for the purpose of prioritizing them. These questions are designed to help students compare any two occupations they may be considering for the future:

- Can everyone identify two occupations you'd like to learn more about and compare them to one another?
- Which topics are most important when comparing these occupations?
- What are the potential outcomes of comparing any two topics?

Online Activity

Log in to Kuder Navigator® (<http://www.indianacareerexplorer.org>) and hand out the student worksheet(s). Your students should all have individual accounts. If they do not, you can obtain their login information from your Kuder Administrative Database Management System® or check with your site administrator (typically your career teachers or school counselors). Even if students only have their user names, they can still reset their passwords.

Although the worksheet is self-explanatory, you may want to walk through the assignment yourself prior to leading students through the activity in case they need assistance.

Post-Activity Discussion

After students have completed this activity, facilitate a discussion using the following questions:

- Which two occupations did you compare?
- What did you learn from comparing the two occupations?
- What conclusions did you draw about possible entry into these occupations? Are you now able to plan for your education and career future based on one of these two occupations?