

Job Sorting Activity

Overview: This activity could be used within a data handling/sorting activity. It provides a large amount of discussion and can be a thoughtful display.

Aims

To dispel myths about gendered jobs
To increase young people's confidence in the career pathways they can pursue and to promote equality of opportunity for all young people
To talk about your thoughts and listen to other peoples

Links to the Curriculum

HWB

1-09a, 2,09a

1-10a, 2-10a

01-11a, 2-11a

MNU

0.20a/b, 1-20a/b, 2-20a/b, 3-20a/b, 4-20a/b

Preparation

- Print and cut up the job cards for the relevant activity – each group needs to have a set of cards
- Hula Hoops/String in circles/print the attached sorting sheet
- Split class into groups of 2-4

Activity – There are 3 variations of this activity, each has its own set of cards. (Jobs/STEM/Salaries)

Jobs

- Give a pack of the cards to each group – ask them to sort them into jobs for girls and jobs for boys, during the task they might not be able to sort some of the jobs in which case they need to work out what to do (they should come to the conclusion they need a both section themselves)
- Once they have sorted all the jobs, facilitate a class discussion.
- Ask the class if there were any jobs that they found hard to sort – pick up on some of the jobs they decided to make male/female
- You could hold a class discussion and create a class Venn Diagram

STEM

- Give a pack of the cards to each group – ask them to sort them into jobs for girls and jobs for boys, during the task they might not be able to sort some of the jobs in which case they need to work out what to do (they should come to the conclusion they need a both section themselves)
- Each of the cards has a small description so that the class can work out what they are themselves.
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Salaries

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- Once they have sorted all the jobs, facilitate a class discussion.
- Ask them to look at the salaries of the jobs they have put in boys/girls – what do they notice?
- Is there anything interesting they notice about some of the jobs and salaries?

Discussion

- Foster discussion around why we believe some jobs are for women and some jobs are for men. Where do these ideas come from?
- Ask the young people if they think that anyone should be able to pursue a career they are interested in regardless of gender.
- Draw links to the skills necessary for a few jobs e.g. What skills do you need to have to be a nurse? You might need to be strong, disciplined, organised, brave, caring, etc. Then ask if these skills are only held by people of one gender or can anyone develop these skills?

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Job activity cards

Tennis Player	Trucker	Lawyer
Window Cleaner	Car salesman	Astronaut
Paramedic	Judge	Presenter
Computer Technician	Electrician	Inventor
Bus Driver	Taxi Driver	Weather Person
Journalist	Decorator	Labourer
President	Hairdresser	Nanny/Carer
Model	Scientist	Chef
Spy	Nurse	Butcher
Illustrator	Ballet Dancer	Footballer
Masseur	Shop Assistant	Nail Technician
Mum	Pop singer	Taxi Driver

Parent	Cleaner	Reporter
Painter	Brick Layer	Receptionist
Actor	Politician	Personal Trainer
Author	Dentist	Dog Walker
Weight Lifter	Waiter	Farmer
Jeweller	Dj	Postman
Secretary	Primary Teacher	Secondary Teacher
Head Teacher	Nursery Teacher/ Practitioner	Financial Advisor

STEM activity cards

<p>Sports scientist I study how exercise affects people's bodies.</p>	<p>Research scientist I try and find out new things by doing experiments.</p>
<p>Reporter I tell people about things that are going on in the world.</p>	<p>Architect I design buildings and spaces for people to use.</p>
<p>Food scientist I help make sure food is safe to eat.</p>	<p>Science writer I re-tell science stories so people can understand them.</p>
<p>Software developer I help design and make programmes on computers and phones.</p>	<p>Town planner I help make sure that new towns work well and people can use them easily.</p>
<p>Spy I keep the country safe by learning secrets.</p>	<p>Astronaut I travel into space to learn more about the Earth and the rest of the universe.</p>
<p>Electrician I help people fix problems with their electricity.</p>	<p>Pilot I fly planes and keep people safe.</p>

<p>Inventor I design and create new things that make people's lives easier.</p>	<p>Sound engineer I help musicians and performers sound their best in concerts and on the radio.</p>
<p>Lab technician I do experiments and help other people with theirs.</p>	<p>Farmer I look after animals, plants and land to help feed people.</p>
<p>Doctor I perform tests on people to find out why they are sick, and find ways to make them better.</p>	<p>Engineer I help make things work better for people and solve problems.</p>
<p>Weather presenter I look at information about the weather and help people understand it.</p>	<p>Teacher I help people learn new things.</p>
<p>Vet I operate on animals and give out medicine to their owners.</p>	<p>Air traffic controller I help pilots take off and land planes safely.</p>
<p>Personal trainer I design programmes to help people get fitter and stronger.</p>	<p>Nanny/carer I make sure people in my care are safe, happy and have lots of different experiences.</p>

<p>Nurse</p> <p>I make sure that patients are looked after and that hospitals work well.</p>	<p>Computer technician</p> <p>I help to fix problems with people's computers and create ways of making them work better.</p>
<p>Nutritionist</p> <p>I give advice to people about what they eat and how to be healthy.</p>	<p>Mechanic</p> <p>I help people get their cars and machines working again.</p>
<p>Games designer</p> <p>I design and build characters and storylines for games.</p>	<p>Accountant</p> <p>I help people understand their money and bank accounts.</p>
<p>Dentist</p> <p>I fix people's teeth and make sure they know how to keep their mouths healthy.</p>	<p>Prime minister</p> <p>I help to run the country and create teams of people to help me.</p>

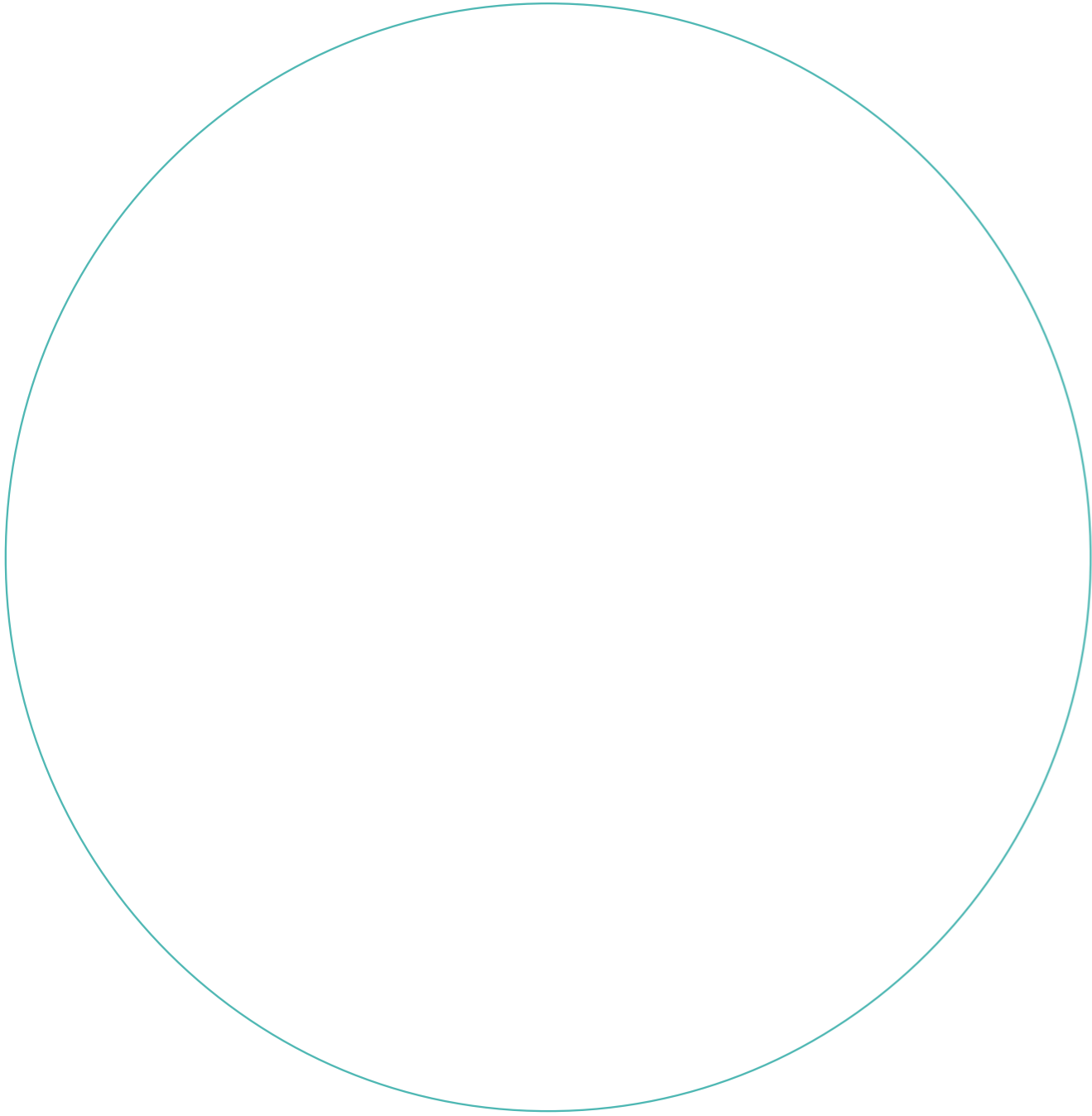
Salary activity cards

Tennis Player £	Trucker £	Lawyer £
Window Cleaner £	Car salesman £	Astronaut £
Paramedic £	Judge £	Presenter £
Computer Technician £	Electrician £	Inventor £
Bus Driver £	Taxi Driver £	Labourer £
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Weight Lifter £	Dentist £	Secondary Teacher £
Jeweller £	Waiter £	Financial Advisor £
Secretary £	Dj £	Reporter £
Head Teacher £	Primary Teacher £	Science writer £
Sports scientist £	Nursery Teacher/ Practitioner £	Spy £
Architect £	Research scientist	Pilot £

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Software developer £	Food scientist £	Lab technician £
Farmer £	Town planner £	Engineer £
Weather presenter £	Sound engineer £	Vet £
Air traffic controller £	Doctor £	Mechanic £
Games designer £	Nutritionist £	Prime minister £
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