

Quick-fire activity

Personality match

Aim: To encourage students to think about the different personality traits needed in different jobs.

Age range: All age ranges



Steps

1. Divide the class in half and ask the students from one half to **suggest different jobs**: the more varied the better! If the students have lots of ideas, you could ask for two suggestions from each. Write the jobs on one side of the board
2. Now ask the other half of the class to name **personality traits and strengths**: write these on the other side. Make sure they name traits (e.g. creativity, attention to detail, sociable) not employability skills such as numeracy or IT.
3. As students suggest each trait, ask them to say which job(s) would suit it. Match them by drawing lines across the board.
4. You'll have a mass of crossed lines by the end of the activity, but it should demonstrate the range of different jobs that suit different personality types. If any jobs or traits don't have many lines, you could focus on these and ask students to think about what traits the job needs or what jobs would suit that trait.

Taking this activity further

Use **Work Skills activity one: Get to know yourself** to look in more depth at the skills needed for different careers.

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