

Help Wanted



Older students are interested in life beyond school. You can help them have a realistic sense of what's out there.

What you'll need

- Pen or pencil
- Paper
- Newspaper "help wanted" ads
- Friends and neighbors

What to do

1. Talk with your child: "What job do you think you would like to do when you get out of school? What training do you think you will need to get this job?"
2. Suggest that your child pick two adults he or she knows, such as neighbors or relatives, to interview briefly about their jobs.

Help your child think of at least 3 questions to write down, leaving space for the answers. Sample questions: What is your job? How long have you held it? What kind of special training did you need?

Have your child do the interviews. (You may want to help him or her get started.)

After the interview, talk about what your child learned. Now your child will be more comfortable doing the next step.

3. Read a page of the newspaper help wanted ads together. Have your child find ads for three jobs that he or she might want in the future. Talk together about the training needed for each job: Can some of it be learned on the job? How much schooling is necessary?

Have your child find people who already have these jobs and interview them.



Remember that there will be many new kinds of jobs in the future. What children—and adults, too—need to do is be flexible and keep learning.

