

## **CAREER INTEREST INVENTORY**

Take an inventory of your interests. Tick the activities that interest you. This should help you decide on what role you would like to play in your JA company.

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| <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on a farm or help save a rain forest</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Solve complicated maths problems</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Act in a film or play</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Study social groups in society</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview strangers for the TV news</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about and study the economy</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Study "how-to" mechanics manuals</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Perform science lab experiments</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Manage an art gallery</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a religious service</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Bargain at a flea market</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Write up graphs or charts with statistics</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Build cabinets or furniture</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> Study nature or trace the effects of pollution on the environment</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> Write a film screenplay</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Lead a club or scout troop</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Buy merchandise for a store</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> Work nine to five in a corporate office</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> Operate heavy machines</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Play chess</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on an art or music magazine</p> <p>22. <input type="checkbox"/> Get involved in a charity or community organisation</p> <p>23. <input type="checkbox"/> Do fast-paced, high-pressure sales work</p> <p>24. <input type="checkbox"/> Design computer games and programmes</p> | <p>25. <input type="checkbox"/> Work outside in a national park</p> <p>26. <input type="checkbox"/> Research a law case</p> <p>27. <input type="checkbox"/> Play a musical instrument</p> <p>28. <input type="checkbox"/> Work with babies or children</p> <p>29. <input type="checkbox"/> Run for class office</p> <p>30. <input type="checkbox"/> Work after school to save money</p> <p>31. <input type="checkbox"/> Set up a stereo system</p> <p>32. <input type="checkbox"/> Read science fiction</p> <p>33. <input type="checkbox"/> Write a short story, play or novel</p> <p>34. <input type="checkbox"/> Entertain at a party</p> <p>35. <input type="checkbox"/> Work in a politician's office</p> <p>36. <input type="checkbox"/> Key documents into computers</p> <p>37. <input type="checkbox"/> Build a jet aircraft model</p> <p>38. <input type="checkbox"/> Use an electronic microscope or a high-tech medical instrument</p> <p>39. <input type="checkbox"/> Design a line of clothes</p> <p>40. <input type="checkbox"/> Read and discuss literature</p> <p>41. <input type="checkbox"/> Debate political and social issues on TV</p> <p>42. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep accurate business records</p> <p>43. <input type="checkbox"/> Repair a car engine</p> <p>44. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify constellations of stars</p> <p>45. <input type="checkbox"/> Take pottery classes</p> <p>46. <input type="checkbox"/> Work with senior citizens</p> <p>47. <input type="checkbox"/> Sell products on commission</p> <p>48. <input type="checkbox"/> Set up a budget for running a large company or government agency</p> |
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Below, circle every number you check off. For example, if you checked "Work on a farm," circle number 1.

A.	1	7	13	19	25	31	37	43
B.	2	8	14	20	26	32	38	44
C.	3	9	15	21	27	33	39	45
D.	4	10	16	22	28	34	40	46
E.	5	11	17	23	29	35	41	47
F.	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48

Evaluate yourself - Next transfer your total for each line above to the proper spaces below: for example, if your total for line A is 4 items circled, write the number 4 in box A below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. DOERS         | <input type="checkbox"/> C. ARTISTS | <input type="checkbox"/> E. ENTERPRISERS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. INVESTIGATORS | <input type="checkbox"/> D. HELPERS | <input type="checkbox"/> F. DETAILERS    |

In what two did you score the highest? Write their names in the blank spaces below, then go to the next page.

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## **WHAT CAREER COULD BE FOR YOU?**

Read each statement and decide whether the activity is one you think you would like or dislike, even if you lack the skills to do the activity. This should help you decide which department in your JA company that you would like to work in.

### **DOERS**

If you enjoy working with your hands, especially on projects that allow you to be physically active, you may be a doer. Doers are often classified as being practical, stable, self-controlled and independent. A doer might work well in the production department of your JA company.

#### **Career Possibilities**

Landscape Architect	Air Traffic Controller
Forester	Archaeologist
Dental Technician	Garda/Firefighter
Electrician	Mechanic
Athletic Trainer	Hairdresser
Carpenter/Plumber	Physical Therapist
Engineer	Chef/Caterer
Licensed Practical Nurse	

### **INVESTIGATORS**

Investigators are observant and curious about things around them. Typically they are inquisitive and intellectually self-confident as well as quite logical. An investigator might work well in the technology department of your JA company.

#### **Career Possibilities**

Medical Lab Assistant	Computer Analyst
Pharmacist	Science Teacher
Nurse	Technical Writer/Reporter
Biologist/Ecologist	Paralegal
Surgeon	Lawyer
Detective	Librarian
Veterinarian	Astronomer
Meteorologist	Dentist

### **ARTIST**

Artistic people value creative self-expression. Artists tend to be innovative, imaginative and unconventional. They love working freely. An artist might work well in either the production, marketing, or technology departments of your JA company.

#### **Career Possibilities**

Artist	Architect
Drama Coach	Musician
Music Teacher	Painter
Graphic Designer	Florist
Writer/Reporter	Interior Decorator
Photographer	Make up Artist

## HELPERS

Helpers enjoy jobs that let them interact with people. This may include teaching new skills or helping with personal problems. A helper might work well in the human resources department of your JA company.

### Career Possibilities

Youth Services	Paramedic
Therapist	Nurse/Dietitian
Counsellor/Social Worker	Childcare Worker
Clergy	Receptionist
Athletic Coach	Waiter/Waitress
Claims Adjuster	Home Health Aid
Parole Officer	

## ENTERPRISERS

Enterprisers are most often self-confident, sociable and adventurous people. They enjoy making decisions, selling products, leading groups and debating politics. An enterpriser might work well in the sales and marketing or the human resources departments of your JA company.

### Career Possibilities

Banker	Personnel Recruiter
Property Developer	Office Manager
Florist	Travel Agent
Lawyer	Advertising Agent
TV/Radio Announcer	Advertising Executive
Branch Manager	Politician
Lobbyist	Business Manager
Insurance Manager	

## DETAILERS

Detailers are conventional people who enjoy collecting and organizing information. They work well within a system and are efficient and practical. A detailer might work well in the finance department of your JA company.

### Career Possibilities

Accountant/Auditor	Cartographer
Actuary	Court Reporter
Proof Reader	Financial Analyst
Administrative Assistant	Tax Consultant
Credit Manager	Insurance Underwriter
Estimator	Computer Operator
Reservations Agent	Paralegal
Medical Lab Technologist	

## STEP 1: Organisation

If you have decided on a role, fill in the application form below and prepare for your interview.

Interview tips are provided on the Junior Achievement website at [www.jai.ie](http://www.jai.ie).

JA Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think you deserve this job? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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### **SPECIAL SKILLS**

Computers: Word Processing \_\_\_\_\_ Spread Sheets \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

List clubs/societies you belong to:.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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List any special experience or skills you have for the job:

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### **EDUCATION INFORMATION**

List any courses that have prepared you for this position:

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### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

List employers and describe your duties and responsibilities.

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

### **REFERENCES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_