

WHAT IS WORK?

- What is work?

A way to make a living and something we do because we enjoy the activity.

- What is the difference between a career and a job?

Lifelong work versus a short-term job.

- What does occupation mean?

Another word for job.

- How much time does the average person spend working in a lifetime?

A person who works full time for 40 years at 40 hours per week at 50 weeks per year will spend 80,000 hours at work. Compare with 17,000 hours in school between kindergarten and high school graduation.

- How many times do you think most people change jobs in their lifetime?

Most people will change jobs between 1 and 10 times.

- Is it OK to change jobs and careers?

As a young person it may not be possible to choose only one lifetime career. It is important to be ready to change careers as the world of work changes.

The Meaning of Work

Quote List

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

Confucius

"Find a job that makes you happy, and don't stop looking until you find it."

Clayton

"Work is love made visible."

Kahlil Gibran

"A working person is a happy person."

Unknown

"To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun."

Graham

"Find pleasure in your work, or you will not find pleasure."

Rettig

Discuss and answer the following questions with your group.

1. What do these quotes say about a job or work?
2. How do these quotes support the idea that we should find pleasure or happiness in our work?
3. Explain why you agree or disagree with the meaning of these quotes.