

Quick-fire activity

Personality match

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

Age range: 11-14, 14-16 and 16-19

Steps

1. Divide the class in half and ask students from one half to suggest different jobs: the more varied the better. 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. Examples could include creativity, attention to detail, sociable, problem solver, practical, or proactive

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 and skills. 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

Try next

Use the [Recognising and building personal skills](#) (11-14 and 14-16) lesson plan to look in more depth at the skills needed for different careers.