

Chapter 20 Career Planning

Section 20.1 Preparing for a Career

Reading Activity—Recognize the Main Idea

Directions Read the excerpt from the textbook and look for the main idea. Remember that the main idea is not always stated in the paragraph. In some cases the main idea is inferred or suggested by the content of the paragraph. After reading the paragraph, complete the steps.

Most people who enjoy working with others have a friendly demeanor. If you are interested in working with people, then you might enjoy being a salesperson or a nurse. However, several careers deal with information. Jobs that require handling information usually involve reading and doing research. Maybe you enjoy visiting libraries or learning about history. If so, then you might like being a detective or lawyer. Many people interested in technology enjoy making or fixing things. If this sounds like you, then you might find reward in being a video producer or an electrician.

Step 1 Identify the main idea presented in this paragraph.

Step 2 Write a sentence that could be added to the beginning of the paragraph to introduce the main idea.

Step 3 Write a sentence that could be added to the end of the paragraph to summarize the main idea.
