



## LEARNING ACTIVITY – College & Careeragories

### Topic

Career Exploration and Awareness

**Type of Activity** (Virtual/In-person)

In-person, but can be done virtually

**Recommended Grade Level(s)**

6,7,8

**Time Needed**

20-30 minutes

**Group Size**

1-20

**Materials Needed**

- [Random Letter Generator \(online\)](#) or a Scattergories die
- College & Careeragories Game Sheet (attached)
- Pen/Pencil
- Timer

**Social Emotional Skill(s) to Integrate**

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Responsible Decision-Making

**Space Needed** (if in-person)

Classroom

### Description of Activity

College and Careeragories is a spin off from the traditional Scattergories game. Players will guess answers to the questions that start with the letter chosen. This game is an opportunity to introduce and remind students of different terminology when discussing college and career, as well as a fun opportunity to get to know the group.

### Students will understand...

Most people have multiple jobs and careers over their lives and earn higher incomes with higher levels of education, training, and experience.

### Students will be able to...

Explore post-secondary education terms.

### Preparations

- Make copies of “College & Careeragories Game Sheet” (attached)
- Gather writing utensils
- Have letter die (if internet is not available)

### Instructions

1. Explain that we will be playing a game to help us relate to some post-high school terminology. “Don’t get stressed this is just like Scattergories. I will give you a handout with questions on it. We will take turns rolling a lettered die. For question #1, if you roll a letter ‘J’ your job is to write down as many things that you can think of that start with the letter ‘J’ that make you smile. You only think of things for the first question and the designated letter. After 60 seconds we will stop. You will get points for any brainstormed items that begin with the designated letter that no one else thought of.”
2. Distribute handouts and identify how we will decide who will roll the die.
3. Roll (either online or a real) letter die to determine the first letter to be used for each answer. Set the timer for 2 minutes (can do more or less time depending on the group)
4. Each player will attempt to answer each question using the letter chosen in the time allotted.
5. All players stop writing when the timer is done. Following down the list, each player takes a turn reading their answers.

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6. Players score zero points for an answer that is duplicated, and one point is given for an answer that was not given by another player.
7. Answers that use alliteration (and make sense) score one point for each word. (ex., sports scholarship)

### **Reflection Activity, Questions, Discussion Prompts**

After completing the game discuss the following questions:

- What did you learn from this activity (about college and/or career) that you didn't know before?
- How does this activity help you learn more about college and career?
- What about this activity will you take away with you and potentially use in the future?

### **Variations for this Activity**

- A different letter for each question or for every 5 questions.
- Numerous rounds doing a different letter each time (depending on the size and speed of the group).



# College & Careeragories Game Sheet

1. Things that make you smile: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Reasons to go to college \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of a trade (i.e., welding) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Things you save up to buy (i.e., a car) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of a job/career \_\_\_\_\_
6. States \_\_\_\_\_
7. Things that will get you fired from a job \_\_\_\_\_
8. Pizza Toppings \_\_\_\_\_
9. Activities you can do while in college \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name of a college \_\_\_\_\_
11. Excuses for being late \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name of a major in college \_\_\_\_\_
13. Ways to earn money \_\_\_\_\_
14. Words associated with college \_\_\_\_\_
15. Items/places on a college campus \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name a study skill \_\_\_\_\_
17. Words associated with career (i.e., salary) \_\_\_\_\_
18. Household chores \_\_\_\_\_
19. Ways to reduce stress \_\_\_\_\_
20. Someone you admire \_\_\_\_\_