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Chapter 12: Learning About Work—Glossary

abilities. Skills you develop through practice or training.

apprentice. Someone who learns a job by working with a skilled worker.

aptitude. A natural skill.

aptitude test. A test taken to show if you have a natural talent for doing certain tasks.

associate's degree. Degree from a two-year college.

bachelor's degree. Degree from a four-year college.

career. A series of related jobs a person holds over time.

career clusters. Sixteen groups of career specialties.

career pathways. Groupings of jobs in each career cluster.

co-op programs. Work-based learning programs.

dignity. Feeling of self-worth.

entrepreneur. A person who starts and manages his or her own business.

family and consumer sciences careers. Careers in the areas of food science, nutrition and wellness, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, child and human development, family relations, personal and family finance, and education and communications.

fringe benefits. Rewards of a job other than income, such as paid vacation time and health insurance.

income. The money you earn.

interest inventory. A short quiz that suggests activities in which a person is most likely to excel.

interests. The ideas and activities you like most.

internships. Work-based learning program after high school.

job. A position held by a worker.

job shadowing. Following a worker on the job to observe what he or she does.

job skills. The abilities needed for success in a certain job.

junior colleges. Two-year colleges providing associate's degrees.

master's degree. Advanced degree after a bachelor's degree.

mentor. A person you trust to guide you along your career path.

occupations. Jobs.

proofreader. Someone who checks for errors in written work, such as misspelled words.

technical schools. Schools providing job training at both high school and college levels.

trade schools. Schools that provide training for specific jobs at the college level.

trend. A general pattern of events.

work. What a person does to earn money.

work-based learning. Programs in which students learn about a job through direct work experience and attend related classes.