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Chapter 9: Making Career Decisions—Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity

Career Paths

READ the case study

Hannah has always liked working with animals. She discovered that she enjoys working with animals after she volunteered to help her extended family with their farm. She enjoyed learning about the different farm tasks and animal behavior. Later at school, Hannah took a career aptitude test. The results suggested that she may be suited to a career involving number analysis, such as accounting or engineering. The results did not mention working with animals. Hannah has always excelled at math and may also be interested in working with numbers, but is unsure of which career path to pursue.

DISCUSS this question in class:

How can Hannah further research her career options?

ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.

- T F Because the aptitude test suggested a career in number analysis, Hannah should pursue only that field.

- T F Hannah could arrange informational interviews with a veterinarian or zoologist and an accountant or engineer to find out more information about these career paths.

- T F Hannah might be able to combine her aptitudes and work with both animals and numbers.

- T F Hannah could ask her school guidance counselor about local internships and work-based learning programs to gain knowledge and experience.