

## Do I Have What it Takes?

The student will understand and value the importance of not stereotyping job characteristics.

### **Grade Level**

Elementary

### **Related Subject**

Social Studies

Health

### **Concept**

Self-Evaluation

### **Related Occupations**

All occupations

### **Type of Activity**

Individual/small groups

### **National Career Development Guidelines**

Master academic, occupational, and general employability skills in order to obtain, create, maintain, and/or advance your employment. (CM 4)

### **Materials/Supplies**

"Job Characteristics" worksheet, pen/pencil

### **Activity**

- Distribute the "Job Characteristics" worksheets.
- Take each occupation individually and let students select the characteristics they think apply.
- Have students pick out characteristics necessary for all given occupations.
- Emphasize to the students that many occupations require common personality characteristics.
- Explain to the students that we stereotype men's and women's jobs. Look at the qualifications and see if the jobs would apply for either men or women.
- Form small groups and have students write a job description for a chosen occupation.

### **Evaluation**

Students will have identified necessary job characteristics for male and female occupations and developed a job description for a specific career.

## Job Characteristics

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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| A. Help people                           | I. Have good work habits             |
| B. Be able to read well                  | J. Be able to talk to people         |
| C. Be a good driver                      | K. Be able to handle many situations |
| D. Be able to type well                  | L. Know where things belong          |
| E. Be able to do things quickly and well | M. Work well with hands              |
| F. Be able to understand people          | N. Like his/her work                 |
| G. Be able to run machinery              | O. Be able to work as a team member  |
| H. Be able to make good decisions        |                                      |

## Sample Occupations

Fire Fighter \_\_\_\_\_

Police Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Office Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse \_\_\_\_\_

Farmer \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_

Sales Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Machinist \_\_\_\_\_

Receptionist \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist \_\_\_\_\_

Construction Worker \_\_\_\_\_

Day Care Worker \_\_\_\_\_

Chef \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_