


◇ Chapter 25
Think About Your Career

CAREER COUNSELOR

Career counseling is a challenging field. It requires not only a knowledge of job markets and job preparation but also an understanding of what each client wants from a job and from life. Good career counselors see the specific, individual needs of each person who comes to them and try to direct people to the jobs or careers that will best fill these needs.

Directions: Work in a group with two or three classmates. Imagine you are a career counselor faced with the cases described below. Read each case carefully. As a group, decide what things are important to each person in a job situation. Consider each person’s talents, goals, and resources. You may wish to consult outside sources, such as the *Directory of Occupational Titles*. On the lines provided, identify one job or career that your group thinks would suit that person best. Also give reasons for your selection.

	<p>Darnell Darnell is eighteen years old. He is an above average student whose grades and test scores show a definite strength in math and science. He has an enthusiastic, outgoing personality and excellent communication skills. He describes an ideal job as one that will allow him to use his skills and interests to make a real difference, to make people’s lives better. Darnell also plans on having a family, however. The job must provide a sufficient income to care for them, as well as allow him to spend regular time with them.</p>
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Job or Career: _____

Reasons: _____

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Kerry At age twenty, Kerry is a student at a community college. She earns high grades in her art classes and enjoys painting. She has never been successful in local art shows, however, and doesn't feel she has the talent to make a living at it. Still, Kerry would like a career that allows her to use her knowledge and appreciation of color, proportion, and what makes a pleasing appearance. She is a quiet, thoughtful person who does her best and is happiest when working independently.

Job or Career: _____

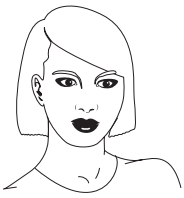
Reasons: _____



Dante Dante is eighteen. He is a talented athlete who has already been accepted to a four-year university on a baseball scholarship. In fact, he plans on becoming a professional baseball player, yet he also knows he should plan on a second career for when his playing days are over. Outside of baseball, Dante has no strong interests. He mentions, however, that he was twice named team captain, and last summer he coached a local softball team to the city championship.

Job or Career: _____

Reasons: _____



Regina Regina, age nineteen, is a college freshman. She excels in English and literature courses, but she also enjoys music. In fact, Regina is an accomplished pianist. Her religious beliefs play a significant role in her life. To Regina, satisfaction in serving others is more important in a job or career than a large salary or other material benefits.

Job or Career: _____

Reasons: _____
