**Classroom Counseling Lesson Plan**

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| **Lesson Title** | **Grade Range** | **Time Needed** |
| Career Riddles | 3-5 | 45 minutes |

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| **Domain** | **Mindset Standards** | **Behavior Standards** |
| Career | 4 | SMS10 |

**Learning Objectives:**

* Describe how people are capable of performing many different types of work and how careers are not inherently based on culture and gender
* Describe personal career choices, which recognize that decisions are not defined or limited by diverse backgrounds

**Supplies/Materials:**

* “Career Riddles” (attached)
* Paper and pens

**Outline:**

1. Read one of the riddles from the “Career Riddles” handout and have students give the answer.
2. Discuss with students the definition of a career. (Career: An occupation one works for a majority of a person’s life.)
3. Write the words **traditionally male** vs. **traditionally female** careers on the board and discuss the meanings of each with the students.
4. Read the students riddles and ask the students to decide if the answer to each riddle is traditionally male or female.
5. Have students pair up with each other and write riddles for the class.
6. When students share their riddles to the class, have the class discuss about the riddles being traditionally male or female.

PROCESS QUESTIONS:

* Just because a career is traditionally male or female, does that mean only that gender can work in that career? Why or why not?
* How do you think careers became male-dominated or female-dominated?
* What would be helpful for someone who wants to go into a career that is not traditionally in their gender?

Adapted from:

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**CAREER RIDDLES**

I put in the pipes

So water will run,

In every building

My job must be done.

Who am I?

(plumber)

When you fly

To visit around,

I take the planes

Off the ground.

Who am I?

(pilot)

I use a map and dials

And all of that

To tell you where

The weather’s at.

Who am I?

(meteorologist or forecaster)

I place each brick

Carefully

On your house

Or fireplace.

Who am I?

(mason or bricklayer)

When there’s a fire

At your house,

I drive a truck

And put it out.

Who am I?

(firefighter)

I write songs

That you enjoy

You sing and listen,

Girl or boy.

Who am I?

(song writer)

I paint and draw

Beautiful scenes

And hope you know

What it means.

Who am I?

(artist)

Every night on TV

I tell the news

For all to see.

Who am I?

(newscaster)

I take your order,

Get your food,

To put you in

A real good mood.

Who am I?

(waiter or waitress)

I bake the bread

For your toast

And the rolls

You like the most.

Who am I?

(baker)

I help people

When they are ill,

I might order medicine

Like a pill.

Who am I?

(nurse or doctor)

I work in a store

And sell you things

Like horns and guitars

And CD’s that sing.

Who am I?

(music store clerk)

I help children

Read and write,

So they can get jobs

And be alright.

Who am I?

(teacher)

To your house

I come each day

With letters, packages

And envelopes with pay.

Who am I?

(postal worker)

I work in a store

And sell you things

Like bracelets, watches

And diamond rings.

Who am I?

(jewelry store clerk)

I keep the food

On the shelves,

That your mother buys

For her little elves.

Who am I?

(shelf stocker, grocery story clerk)

I work in a store

And sell you things,

Like coats and shirts

And socks that cling.

Who am I?

(department store clerk)

I exercise

And work hard for you,

So you can enjoy

The dancing I do.

Who am I?

(dancer)

I fix cars

When they won’t run,

And put gas in

So you’ll have fun.

Who am I?

(service station mechanic or attendant)

I process the bills

Your parents get

Address the envelopes,

Work hard, you bet!

(secretary, office assistant)

In a big truck

I collect your trash,

Take it to the dump

And turn it into ash.

Who am I?

(garbage collector or sanitation worker)

I make drawings

Blueprints of many sizes,

You need me

For every building that rises.

Who am I?

(architect)

When you move

To a new town,

I hook up your phone

Red, green or brown.

Who am I?

(telephone installer)

Sometimes I work in a building,

Sometimes I work in a car.

I help keep people safe.

To find me, you don’t have to go far.

Who am I?

(police officer)

I am a special kind of doctor.

When people need operations, I take care of them. I need to have steady hands.

Who am I?

(surgeon)

I work in a restaurant.

I fix food for customers.

I use big pots and pans.

Who am I?

(chef or cook)

I work with animals.

I help when they are sick.

When they feel better, they want to give me a lick.

Who am I?

(veterinarian)

I work in the country.

Sometimes I feel animals.

Sometimes I grow crops.

Who am I?

(farmer)

I help girls and boys learn to draw. I encourage them to work with lots of creativity. I often work in a school.

Who am I?

(art teacher)

I work in a factory. I am the boss over many workers. I make sure they do their jobs correctly.

Who am I?

(foreman, supervisor)

When people come to see me, they sit in my chair. I work in their mouth, and tell them to brush with care.

Who am I?

(dentist or hygienist)

I work on the water. I work on a boat. I find food for people.

Who am I?

(fisher)

I travel to do my job. You might want to buy equipment, insurance or books from me.

Who am I?

(salesperson)

I work in a shop.

People sit in my chair.

I cut, snip and curl,

And do things to your hair.

Who am I?

(stylist, barber, beautician)

I work in an office.

I type letters. I answer the phone. I file papers.

Who am I?

(secretary, office assistant)

I need a tool box to do my job. I work with the wires in your home.

Who am I?

(electrician)

I help boys and girls get to school. I must drive safely and know the rules.

Who am I?

(bus driver)

When I do my job, you can’t see me, but you can hear me. I play music and tell you about the news and weather.

Who am I?

(DJ, disc jockey)

I take people places when they can’t drive. People pay me when they arrive. I know my way around the city.

Who am I?

(taxi driver)

I make people laugh. I tell jokes and stories. I work in clubs or on TV.

Who am I?

(comedian)

I work outdoors.

Sometimes I stand in a tall tower and watch for fires. Sometimes I help people when they are lost in the forest.

Who am I?

(forest ranger)

I can work indoors or out.

I have many tools.

I build places to live or work. I often work with wood.

Who am I?

(carpenter)

I help people find justice. I want to know the whole story. I work in a courthouse. I make lots of decisions.

Who am I?

(lawyer or judge)

I get paid to play sports.

I am often on a team.

I work hard to stay in shape. I practice to get better.

Who am I?

(professional athlete)

I work in a lab. I do research and look for clues. I try to find cures for diseases.

Who am I?

(scientist, medical technician)

I like animals. My job is to take care of them in a special place. People come to see the animals.

Who am I?

(zookeeper)

I look for clues. I try to solve crimes. I work in a lab.

Who am I?

(detective)

I take pictures of people, places and things. I might work for a magazine or a gallery.

Who am I?

(photographer)

I like sports. I help children or adults learn about the game. I make the plans for the team.

Who am I?

(coach)

I like the water. I am a very good swimmer. I help people stay safe in the water.

Who am I?

(lifeguard)

I write stories for you to read. I may work for company or by myself.

Who am I?

(author)

I work with colors

Like whites and blues,

I finish buildings in the shades you choose.

Who am I?

(decorator)

I study and practice for hours every day

So you can enjoy the music I play.

Who am I?

(musician)

I like to help children explore and learn,

So they can grow up to get a job and earn.

Who am I?

(teacher)