

The CHOICES Career Game

Here we present for you a simple, straightforward, cheap, and fun way of involving students in their own career, education and life decision process. It will also help them to understand goal setting and what can go wrong if they do not make good plans for what they want to do and how they are going to do these things. This game was created, conceptualize, developed by CHOICES Career Education Advice and we have used it successfully with student throughout the Caribbean. It can be played with us if you are As few as 15 students or as many as three how it does not matter.

YOU WILL NEED

5 sheets of letter—size paper (for up to 40 students)

Printer or photocopier

Scissors or guillotine

Students will each need a pen or a pencil as they are going to write

Cost: US\$2 per 40 students (approximately)

METHOD

The sheet below can be copied and cut up to make enough papers for up to 8 students. You will need to copy according to the size of the group you are using this with.

THE GAME

1. Give every student one little piece of paper.
2. Ask them to write a name in the first space where it says “name”. Not their own name, not their friends name but just make up a name and write it down in the space. Instruct them to fold over the top of the paper just enough to hide what they have written.
3. Tell them to change papers with the person beside them.
4. Next, tell them to write the name of a career where it says “career”. They can write any career they want. It does not matter what it is or whether it is their career choice; just write the name
5. Tell them to change papers with the person on the other side of them.
6. On the new paper they have, write down the name of their favorite subject. Once again, fold over the paper in order to hide what they have written.
7. Change paper with someone nearby, none of the same persons at this point, maybe someone behind them. If they need to get out of

their seat to find someone else it would be a good time for them to stretch their legs and walk around.

In between, Tell them NOT to look on the paper to see what was previously written.

8. Ask them where they plan to study for the career that they are interested in. This can be the name of the institution that they know or if they do not know they can simply write doctor school, lawyer school, nursing school or whatever.
9. Tell them to fold over the paper and switch again game with someone else.
10. Final step - tell them to write down where they would like to work in the career that they are thinking of. This might be the name of the business place, the name of an organization or just simply something like "a school", "a bank", "a hospital", or whatever.
11. They should fold over the paper and change again with someone else. While they are doing this, you as the teacher can go around and just take some papers out of the hands of some students. When they have settled down you will probably have about five or six in your hand.

Now, let them know that no one is to open any paper in their hand. You are the only person who should open papers.

Let them know that you are now going to find out who has made a good plan for their career education and life.

So, you open one paper and you read out the story, the person's name, what that person plans as a career, the important subject they are studying, where they will study for their career and where they will eventually work.

This part is always hilarious because you will find a mismatch of subjects careers places to study, all of which do not add up to anything sensible. You can ask them if this person making a good plan for the career, education and life. Let them shout out the answer.

Continue going through the papers which you have in hand. The majority of them will be nonsense.

You can however pretend with one of the papers that you have found someone who's making a good plan and you read whatever you want, whether or not that is what is really written on the paper.

I know they will all be calling out and wanting you to read their paper. You just have to keep them calm and let them know but they will be able to read the papers and share the information with each other when the session is over or at lunchtime.

N. B. This activity is best done at the end of the session as it is difficult to get them to settle down because it is really great fun and hilarious when the notes are read aloud and the students will all be hysterical.

CHOICES CAREER & LIFE SUCCESS GAME

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Career _____
FavouriteSubject _____
Where Will You Study _____
Where Will You Work _____

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