

Lesson Plan JT1

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Theme: **Job Trends**

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Objective

To understand that career opportunities are subject to major changes over time.

Pre-learning

Interview an adult who is, or has been, in employment. Find out about his/her jobs. e.g. changes of job, changes within a job, reasons why, etc.

Activity

Jobs have come into existence, disappeared, reduced or increased in numbers over time as a result of one or more factors such as – economic / social change, new technology, mechanisation, new knowledge, changes in beliefs and ethics.

In pairs or threes – work through the jobs list and try to write each job title in the correct year column on the blank table.

Refer to 'Jobs since 1856' for checking results.

Discussion – Identify a job that no longer exists, eg asphalt pounder and explain why (mechanisation) or ask – why were there no tyre fitters before 1906? (new technology – pneumatic tyre) Could someone in 1906 have imagined the job of Drugs Counsellor? (social change).

What general trends do we see in job changes since the mid 19th century? (fewer manual jobs, more jobs requiring higher level skills, knowledge and qualifications).

Post-learning / Self study

Scan the local jobs ads to identify the most recent jobs in the market (in terms of being in existence)

Curriculum mapping

Careers Education and Guidance (CEG) National Framework:

Career exploration:

- Describe employment trends and associated learning opportunities at different levels.

Resources

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- **Handout JT1**
Jobs Since 1856
(Answers)
- **Worksheet JT1a**
Jobs Lists
- **Worksheet JT1b**
Jobs List Blank Table

References:

- **C4 Worst jobs in history**
channel4.com/history/microsites/W/worstjobs

Handout JTI

Title: **Jobs since 1856 (Answers)**

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JOBS SINCE 1856 (Answers)			
1856	1906	1956	1996
Seamstress	Weather Forecaster	Television Producer	Website Designer
Domestic Servant	Tyre Fitter	Beauty Therapist	Call Centre Worker
Lamp Lighter	Psychiatrist	Air Cabin Crew	Personal Trainer
Navy	Radiographer	Forensic scientist	PC Support Technician
Slop Worker	Domestic Plumber	Travel Agent	Bicycle Courier
Stay Maker	Mechanic	Social worker	Drugs Counsellor
Shoe Binder	Telephone Operator	Computer Programmer	Vehicle Technician
Asphalt Pounder	Film Actor	DJ	Financial Adviser
Hurrier	Driver	Physiotherapist	Events Organiser
Engine Cleaner	Nursing Sister	Fashion Buyer	CAD Designer
Stoker	News Photographer	Forklift Truck Driver	Holiday Rep
	Weaving Operative	Shelf Filler	Paramedic

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JOBS LIST

WEBSITE DESIGNER	FORENSIC SCIENTIST	NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER
CALL CENTRE WORKER	TRAVEL AGENT	RADIOGRAPHER
PERSONAL TRAINER	SOCIAL WORKER	TYRE FITTER
PC SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	COMPUTER PROGRAMMER	DRIVER
DRUGS COUNSELLOR	RADIO D J	NURSING SISTER
FINANCIAL ADVISER	PHYSIOTHERAPIST	SEAMSTRESS
EVENT ORGANISER	RECEPTIONIST	NAVY
CAD DESIGNER	FORKLIFT TRUCK DRIVER	SLOP WORKER*
ASPHALT POUNDER*	SHELF FILLER	STAY MAKER*
PARAMEDIC	WEATHER FORECASTER	STOKER*
HOLIDAY REP	DOMESTIC PLUMBER	LAMP LIGHTER
BICYCLE COURIER	MECHANIC	SHOE BINDER*
TELEVISION PRODUCER	TELEPHONE OPERATOR	HURRIER*
AIR CABIN CREW	FILM ACTOR	

Useful definitions

Asphalt pounder - someone who stamped with bare feet on hot asphalt road material to flatten it.

Slop worker - someone who sewed cheap clothes, usually at home, for someone else to sell. Very poor wages.

Stay maker - someone who made metal stiffeners or 'stays' for women's corsets.

Stoker - someone who shovelled coal into the fires to heat steamship engines.

Shoe binder - someone who bound pieces of leather upper to a former before they are sewn by the shoemaker.

Hurrier - someone, usually a child, who dragged sleds of coal out of mines

Worksheet JT1b

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JOBS LIST BLANK TABLE

Put the jobs in the list in the correct columns.

Match each job to the earliest date you think it existed. Eg we have nursing sisters now, but did we have them in 1856?

1856	1906	1956	1996