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# Trade Job Exploration: Learn, Think, Write

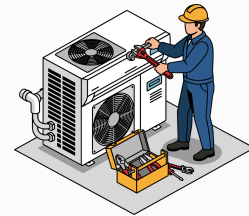


In this activity, you will research a trade job that interests you and become an “expert” on it. Then, you will write to show what you’ve learned, using your own thinking and understanding.

## Step 1: Choose a Trade Job That Interests You

- Electrician
- Plumber
- Welder
- Automotive technician
- Carpenter
- HVAC technician
- Barber or cosmetologist
- Construction worker
- Mechanic
- Chef

(You may choose another approved trade job.)



## Step 2: Research Your Trade Job For 20 Minutes

Take notes, but don’t copy. Write ideas in your own words.

Find answers to:

- What does this job involve on a daily basis?
- What skills are needed?
- What training or education is required?
- How much do people in this job typically earn?
- What are the pros and cons of this career?
- Why might someone choose this job?



## Step 3: Put Your Notes Away And Write From Memory (150-250 words)

Your writing should:

- Clearly explain the job
- Include specific details
- Show understanding (not just random facts)
- Be written in complete sentences



## Step 4: Add a Personal Reflection (150 words or more)

- Would you consider this job? Why or why not?
- Does this job fit the kind of life you want?

