

Teacher notes: Sensory preferences

Purpose

The purpose of the activity is to:

- Prepare students for the questions that they will be asked during the quiz.
- Support students to understand how these preferences will influence the types of work that they will choose.

Activities

Each student worksheet is differentiated according to the level of scaffolding it provides.

The 1-Helping Handed activity has the least amount of scaffolding.

As a 2-Helping Handed activity, students complete this task independently.

As a 3-Helping Handed activity, students complete this task with a peer mentor where the peer mentor asks the questions and then shows their partner where to tick.

Sensory preferences

Student worksheet

Read, or have a partner read the student description below.

Rhiannon



Rhiannon wants to be a lifeguard. She's not sure that it's the job for her.

Rhiannon likes to meet lots of different people each day and prefers to work the same days and hours every week. She likes to be very active.

Rhiannon has a skin condition that means she has a very itchy scalp and needs to wear loose fitting hats that allow her scalp to "breathe".

Now think about what a lifeguard does at work.

Where does a lifeguard work?

This job is ...	<input type="checkbox"/> mostly inside	<input type="checkbox"/> mostly outside	<input type="checkbox"/> either
and can be ...	<input type="checkbox"/> quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> noisy	<input type="checkbox"/> either
Lifeguards work ...	<input type="checkbox"/> on their own	<input type="checkbox"/> with others	<input type="checkbox"/> either
Lifeguards work with ...	<input type="checkbox"/> familiar people	<input type="checkbox"/> new people	<input type="checkbox"/> either
Lifeguards work in ...	<input type="checkbox"/> only 1 place	<input type="checkbox"/> many different places	<input type="checkbox"/> either
Lifeguards work ...	<input type="checkbox"/> on a regular schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> different hours and times	
(tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> moving around (active)	<input type="checkbox"/> sitting down	
Lifeguards ...	<input type="checkbox"/> wear safety equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> don't wear safety equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> either

What else can you say about the work of a lifeguard?

Do you think that being a lifeguard will suit Rhiannon?

Why/Why not?



Choose two jobs

from the pictures below or choose your own

Describe all sensory aspects including:

- Location
- Noise levels
- Working with others or mostly on their own
- Working with the same people in a team or with many different people
- Active or sedentary
- Wearing safety gear



Job 1

Describe the work involved:

Could this job suit you? Why or why not?

Job 2

Describe the work involved:

Could this job suit you? Why or why not?



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Student worksheet

Read, or have a partner read about Rhiannon:

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Rhiannon likes to meet lots of different people each day and prefers to work the same days and hours every week. She likes to be very active.

Rhiannon has a skin condition that means she has a very itchy scalp and needs to wear loose fitting hats.

What does a lifeguard do at work?

Where does a lifeguard work?

This job is ... mostly inside mostly outside either
and can be ... quiet noisy either

Lifeguards work ... on their own with others either

Lifeguards work with ... familiar people new people either

Lifeguards work in ... only 1 place many different places either

Lifeguards work ... on a regular schedule different hours and times
(tick all that apply) moving around (active) sitting down

Lifeguards ... wear safety equipment don't wear safety equipment either

What else can you say about the work of a lifeguard?

Do you think that being a lifeguard will suit Rhiannon?

Why/Why not?





What does a paramedic do at work?
Where does a paramedic work?

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| This job is ... | <input type="checkbox"/> mostly inside | <input type="checkbox"/> mostly outside | <input type="checkbox"/> either |
| and can be ... | <input type="checkbox"/> quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> noisy | <input type="checkbox"/> either |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Paramedics work ... | <input type="checkbox"/> on their own | <input type="checkbox"/> with others | <input type="checkbox"/> either |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Paramedics work with ... | <input type="checkbox"/> familiar people | <input type="checkbox"/> new people | <input type="checkbox"/> either |
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| Paramedics work in ... | <input type="checkbox"/> only 1 place | <input type="checkbox"/> many different places | <input type="checkbox"/> either |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Paramedics work ... | <input type="checkbox"/> on a regular schedule | <input type="checkbox"/> different hours and times | |
| (tick all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> moving around (active) | <input type="checkbox"/> sitting down | |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Paramedics ... | <input type="checkbox"/> wear safety equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> don't wear safety equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> either |
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What else can you say about the work of a paramedic?

Would being a paramedic suit you?



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Student worksheet

- Watch the video.
- Work with a peer.
- Your peer will read the question one at a time.
- Your peer will show you where to tick.



This is Rhiannon.
She wants to be a lifeguard.

What does a lifeguard do at work?

Where does a lifeguard work?

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What else can you say about the work of a lifeguard?

Will being a lifeguard suit Rhiannon?

