The choices you make may affect your future career. The classes you take, how you spend your Friday nights can impact how you develop as a potential employee.

Learn more about increasing your human capital by watching this video and then expand your knowledge by completing this worksheet by yourself or with an adult!

**Try It Yourself!**

Complete the following handout. Then answer the four questions at the bottom.

What do you want to be when you grow up?: ______________________________________________

List three **skills** a person in this career should have:
1. 
2. 
3.

Describe three things someone in this career should **know**: 
1. 
2. 
3.

Rate how important you believe each of the following is for people in this career.

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How can someone who wants to pursue this career build their human capital through education or training?

What could a student who wants to enter this career start doing to prepare?
Vocabulary:

- **Career**: A profession or field of employment for which one trains or obtains education, such as financial services, law, or medicine
- **Human capital**: The skills, knowledge, and habits a person uses to be a good worker
- **Income**: The amount of money a person receives from all sources
- **Opportunity cost**: The next best thing you give up when you decide to do or buy something else

Please select the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following is the best definition of human capital?
   a. The money a person spends to receive an education
   b. What a person gives up when making a choice
   c. Skills, knowledge, and habits a person uses to be a good worker
   d. The list of education requirements for a job

2. Which of the following are ways people can build their human capital?
   a. Education
   b. Training
   c. Reading
   d. Volunteering
   e. All of the above

3. The next best thing you give up when making a choice is called your ________?
   a. Expected value
   b. Human capital
   c. Benefit analysis
   d. Opportunity cost

4. You have three choices for lunch at school. You love pizza, so you pick that. You really like chicken tenders and almost select them. You heard the hamburgers were not very good, so you never even considered it. Which is your opportunity cost?
   a. The amount you paid for the pizza
   b. The chicken tenders you didn’t choose
   c. The hamburgers you didn’t choose
   d. All of the above
Answer key
1. C - Skills, knowledge, and habits a person uses to be a good worker.
2. E - All of the above.
3. D - Opportunity cost
4. B - The chicken tenders you didn’t choose