



Making career choices

When you decide on your career you may need to make some difficult choices. What should each person do?

Anita

Anita is looking for a job. She has been offered work, starting this week, as a labourer on a site. This means she can start earning money straight away.

There are other jobs that Anita is much more interested in. But they all need her to get more training and develop more skills. She would need to go back to college. There is a possible course starting in a week. But she wouldn't be earning the money she could be from the labouring job.

Should Anita take the job? Or should she start the course at college?

Jon

Jon is eighteen and loves bricklaying. He really likes the fact that at the end of the day he can point at something and say, "I made that". He also enjoys the banter when working on site. He has done a bricklaying course at college and is looking around for work.

But there doesn't seem to be anything around. He spots another job he is qualified to do.

This other job would be working in an office as an assistant. The job pays well and the company would support Jon with training to develop his career. But he would have to sign a contract with a three-month notice period. He would also be working in an office every day.

He thinks that some bricklaying jobs may come up in the next few months. Should he take the office job now or wait for the job he really wants?



Activity 4: Which career for you?



Research two jobs or careers that you might like to do. Complete the table below with information about these.

Questions	Your answers	
	Company 1	Company 2
Job title		
Type of company (or the name of the company)		
What career steps are there?		
Why do you think the job might be good for you?		
How does the job match what you want out of life?		