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This is not a simple question to answer, mostly because as we grow and have new experiences, our situations change, we change ourselves and adapt.

Part of this means changing careers over the years, which many people do. Your very first job may be the career you stay in, but it also may not be, and that's ok.

What is important is to know what you want to do RIGHT NOW.

What is important when deciding on your current career path is to ask yourself these questions:

- **Is this something I enjoy doing?**

You will be spending a lot of time at work, typically 8 hours per day, 5 days a week, possibly more, so enjoying what you are doing on a daily basis is really important.

- **Is it something I am passionate about?**

This is similar to our first point, but there is a difference between enjoying something and being truly passionate about it, the passion can help you to stay motivated. If you feel it's your purpose, you will really excel in your career.

- **Does it align with your values?**

So important! You won't be able to stick it out in a career if you are cringing on a regular basis on what you are required to do or what the company stands for.

- **What skills/talents do you have?**

These can be both interpersonal skills. For example, if you love people and you are outgoing and talkative, then a job in an industry where you are talking to people daily may be a great fit. But also creative talents that you have, what career would they be most aligned to?

- **What technical skills do you have?**

Think of the practical abilities that you have and how these match up with specific careers.

- **Anything else that is really important to you?**

Think carefully about this... maybe you really want to travel with your job because you want to see as much of the world as possible or maybe you can't travel for some reason due to personal commitments, so you know that you need to find something where this isn't a requirement.



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Get a shortlist together of jobs that you think fit your criteria

Research these jobs, try and find out the following:

- If particular qualifications are needed.
- What is a market-related salary for someone starting in this industry?
- Would this type of career have many growth opportunities?

Find people who are already in these roles

See if you can ask them questions (a good tool to connect with people is LinkedIn, you can send out a direct message to people asking them a couple of questions).

Reach out to recruiters

Working within the industry that your (aimed) career is in and ask them for advice.

GET EXCITED, YOU MAY HAVE JUST CHOSEN YOUR CAREER PATH!

Now that you know what you want to do, check out our "[Prepare for your job search](#)" document.



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