

Careers Top Trumps

This session requires a pack of Panjango Trumps cards per group of 4-6 children. It is a fun way to explore the world of work using the same rules as the well known game, "Top Trumps". The game pits 50 different careers against each other in a battle of stats.

The categories include Brain Power, Social Good, Physical Effort, Expected Salary, Study & Training and Robot Risk (the risk of the job becoming automated). Each trump card also comes with a Job Description and a Fun Fact to bring the careers to life for young people.

The game introduces children to new and exciting career options they may not have thought about before, engages the imagination and offers a fun and exciting way to learn about the world of work and encourages thought and discussion about future life choices between teachers, family and friends.

Age Group	KS1 and KS2	
Delivery	Face to face classroom hall	
Preparation time	Time to familiarise yourself with the card game	
Delivery Time	30 minutes plus time for follow up talking points	
Printing req.	No	
People Required	Facilitator	Volunteers
	Volunteer	No
Resources	1 pack of Panjango cards per 4-5 students	

Learning Objectives for pupils:

- To find out about possible future jobs.
- To increase aspirations and broaden horizons.
- To build self confidence.
- To explore the stereotypes children have about different job roles and discuss/ correct this.
- To understand the skills required to do different jobs whilst developing their own essential skills.
- To link what they are learning in school to real life examples.
- To provide access to positive role models from local companies to inspire and motivate pupils to raise attainment.

Skills development

It is vital that pupils in Primary school children start to develop the essential skills that they need to be successful in the future. The current activity has been rated as supporting the following essential skills and will help the pupils work towards skills step levels indicated below (see <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/universal-framework> for more information on the steps):



Subject / Curriculum Links:

- English: speaking, listening, writing for information and sharing ideas.
- PSHE: Living in the wider world, Identifying and practicing skills for success.

Careers Top Trumps Instructions:

For this activity, you will need 1 pack of Panjango cards per group of students. These are available from Panjango.com

1. Give the 'pack' of cards to one player and assign them as the dealer. Ask them to divide the cards evenly between all players face-down, so no-one can see what cards any other players have. If you have an uneven ratio of cards to players, set aside the spare cards.
2. Students should hold the cards face-up in a stack so only the top one is visible. As they collect cards throughout the game, these should be added to the bottom of the stack.
3. The player to the left of the dealer goes first and chooses one of the six statistics on the card to read out loud. They can choose from:
 1. Study/Training
 2. Physical effort
 3. Brain power
 4. Social good
 5. Average salary
 6. Robot risk
4. Invite the other players to compare the same statistic from the top card in their deck. Once everyone has shared their stat, determine who shared the highest number.
5. The player with the highest stat wins the round and collects all of the other players cards, placing these at the bottom of their card pile.
6. In the event of a tie (where one or more players have equal stats), roll a 6-sided dice and refer to the relevant stat
7. If a tie remains (relevant stat id the same), the cards are to be placed in the middle of the table and a new round is started. The winner from this round will add the cards from the previous round to their own hand, as well as the cards from the middle of the table.
8. Play continues until one player has all the cards.

Suggested talking points:

- Who knows what this job involves on a day to day basis?
- Who knows what this sector does? Can you think of any other jobs that would fall into this sector?
- Can anyone name any companies that work in this sector? Who could you work for locally if you wanted to do this job?
- Were you surprised at the salary levels on offer for some job roles? Why do you think this job pays more than that one?
- Were you surprised by the entry requirements to start a career as this job? Why do you think that is?
- What trends do you think affect this sector currently?
- What trends do you think will affect this sector in the future?
- Which of these jobs would you most like to work in? Why?
- Create a card for the job you'd like to do in the future?