

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Making connections between education and income

The word “occupation” describes a type of work with associated tasks, education and training, typical wages, work settings, and more. As you think about what you want to be when you grow up, it’s helpful to understand the connections between education level, occupation, and income.

Instructions

- 1 Match the occupations with the level of education they require.
- 2 Match the occupations with the median yearly salary they can earn.
- 3 Answer the reflection questions.

Matching activity 1: Level of education required for different occupations

Match the occupations below with the level of education they require. Identify three occupations for each education level.

Occupations

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| Accountant | Construction worker | Preschool teacher |
| Airline pilot | Dental hygienist | Receptionist |
| Bus driver | Electrician | School principal |
| Car mechanic | Hairdresser | Surgeon |
| Cashier | Lawyer | Veterinarian |
| Chef | Librarian | Waiter/waitress |
| Computer support specialist | Multimedia artist | |
| | Physician assistant | |



Level of education completed	Years of education after high school	Occupations at this level
No high school diploma	0	
High school diploma	0	
Post-secondary school certification	A few weeks to two years	
Associate's degree	Two years	
Bachelor's degree	Four years	
Master's degree	Six years	
Doctoral degree	At least seven years	

Matching activity 2: Yearly salary for different occupations

The level of education you complete influences the type of occupation you can get, which may impact how much money you earn. To get an idea of what this looks like, match the median salary listed below with the occupations in the table.

Median salaries

\$108,610 \$21,780 \$208,000 \$53,470
 \$70,500 \$40,710 \$34,450

Occupation	Median yearly salary (Median means the middle of the salary range.)
Accountant	
Bus driver	
Car mechanic	
Computer support specialist	
Physician assistant	
Surgeon	
Waiter/waitress	

