

Career Exploration Games Lesson Plan

A ready-to-run classroom lesson using your Career Exploration Games Hub. Designed for high school counselors, advisory lessons, CTE classrooms, or college and career readiness sessions.

Grades 9-12

20-30 minutes

Whole class or small groups

Lesson objective

Students will explore a range of careers, compare salary bands, identify career clusters, and reflect on which careers are most surprising, appealing, or relevant to their goals.

Materials

- Career Exploration Games Hub
- Projector or student devices
- Printable Team Challenge Sheets or worksheet pack
- Pens or pencils

Preparation

- Open the Games Hub before class
- Select 2-3 games you want to use
- Print worksheets if using paper reflection
- Decide whether students will play individually, in pairs, or in teams

Suggested lesson flow

Time	Stage	What to do
3-5 min	Warm-up	Use Which Job Pays Higher? as a quick opener. Ask students which job surprised them.
8-10 min	Main activity	Choose one core game such as Career Cluster Match, Bright Outlook or Not?, or Salary Band.
5-8 min	Team challenge	Use Career Bingo or Cluster Challenge Board as a teacher-led group activity to reinforce learning.
4-6 min	Reflection	Students complete a short written reflection using the worksheet pack or exit ticket.

Suggested discussion prompts

- Which job paid more than you expected?
- Which career cluster felt most interesting to you?
- Which Bright Outlook job would you want to learn more about?
- What surprised you most about the range of careers shown?

- Did any career seem like a good fit for your strengths or interests?
- Which job would you want to practice interviewing for one day?

Differentiation ideas

- For quicker classes: use just one warm-up game and one reflection prompt.
- For longer sessions: rotate students through two digital games and one printable team task.
- For quieter groups: use pair discussion before whole-class sharing.
- For stronger extension: ask students to choose one career and explain why it might fit their future pathway.

Exit ticket

- One career I want to explore more is...
- One thing I learned today about career salaries is...
- One career cluster I want to learn more about is...

Bridge to Career Clutch

After students explore careers, the natural next step is helping them practise for the real moments that shape those career pathways.