

Making a Career Choice



5 Basic Questions

What are your skills?

What are your interests?

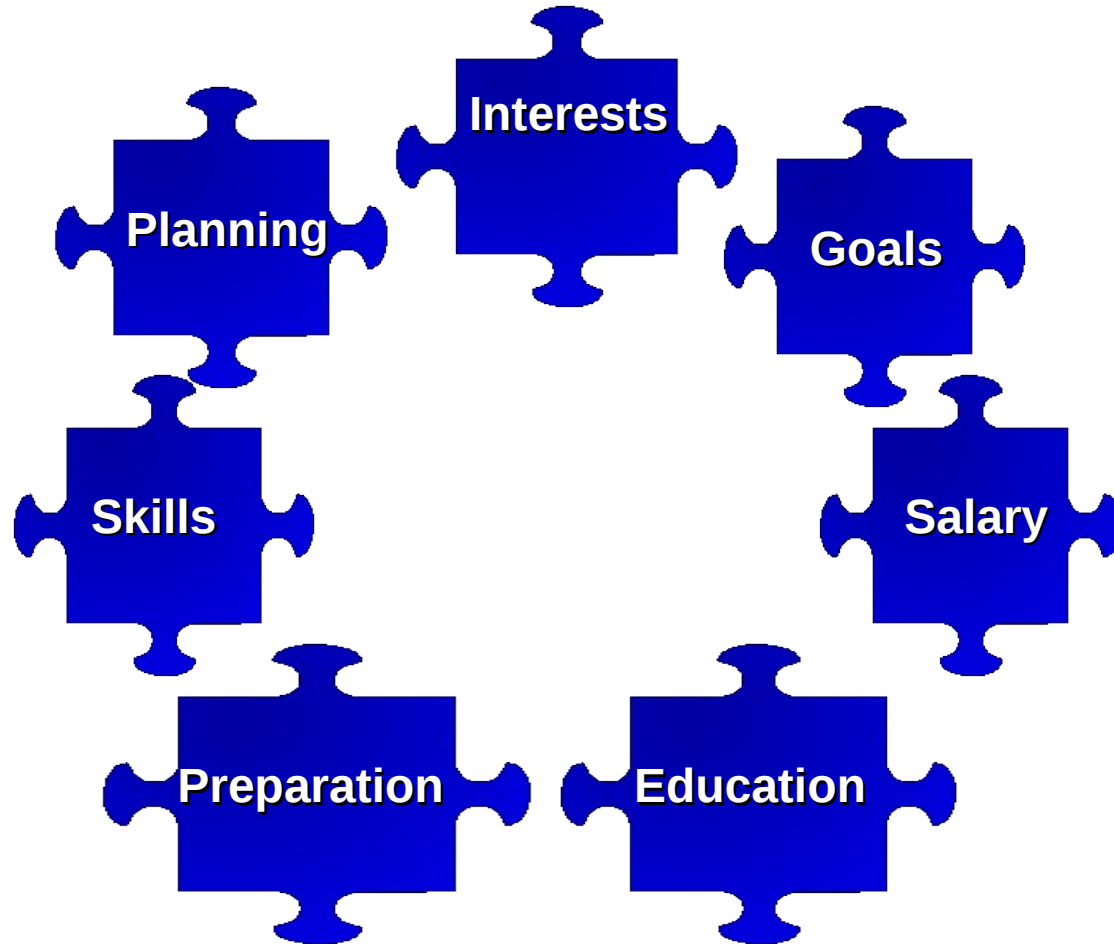
What do you want to be?

What types of careers fit your skills and interests?

How will you prepare for this career?



What's involved in choosing a career?



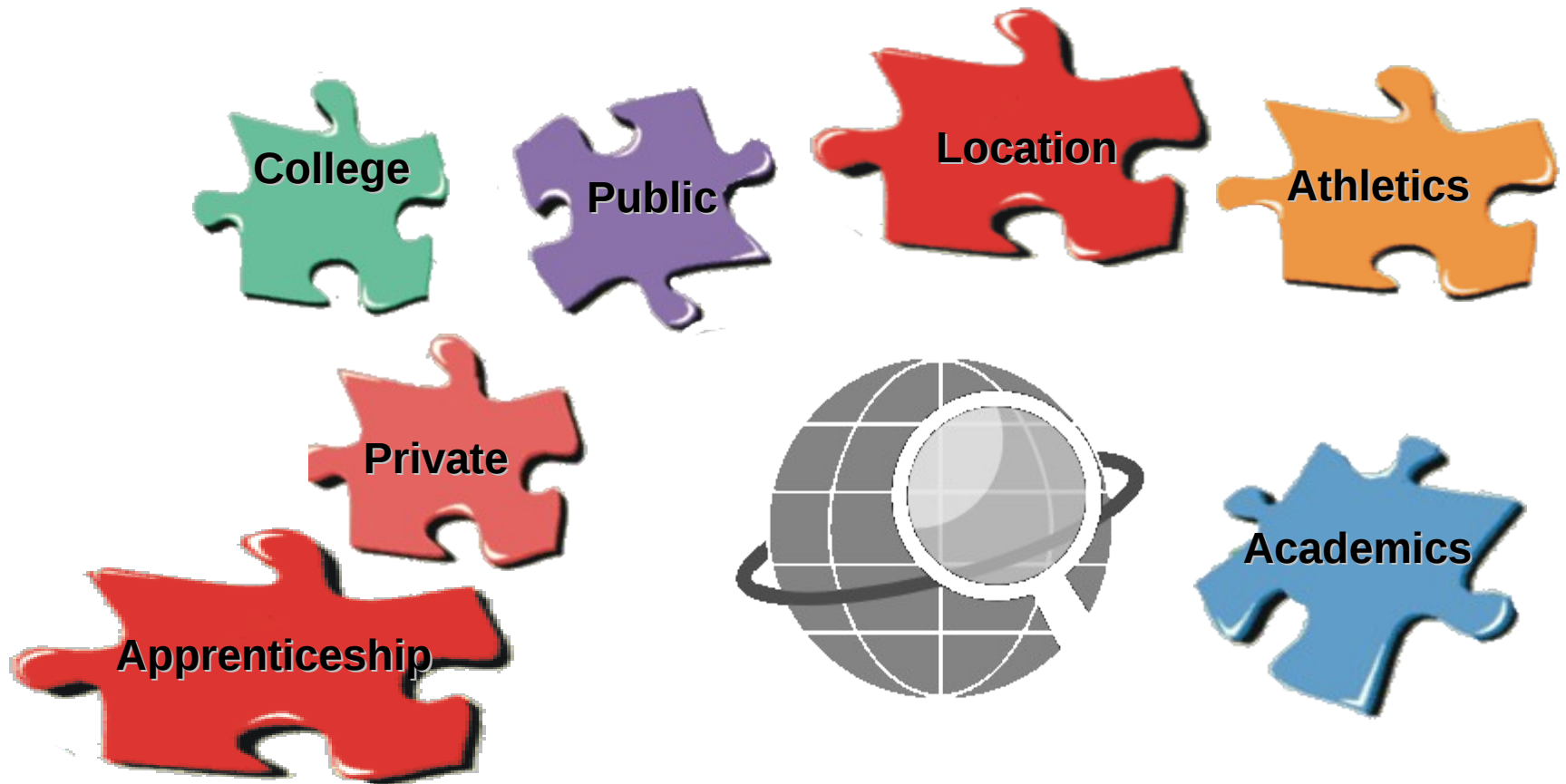
Education

- What education / training / experience is required for your chosen career?



Preparation

What about this college is important to you?



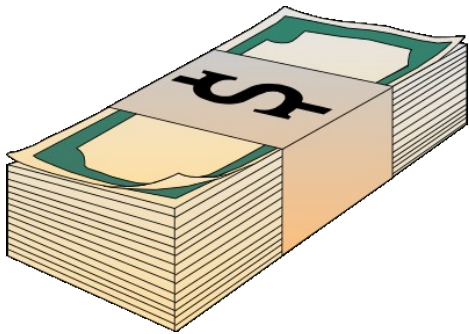
Interests

- 5th year is a perfect time to explore your interests seriously and to begin investigating your career choices.
- Complete an Interest Assessment Test (www.123test.com)



Salary

- Explore the salary information. Lots of information on www.careersportal.ie and www.careerdirections.ie.



Career Trends

- **Can you locate information on career trends and options.**



Explore

- Ask adults questions about their jobs. They'll be happy you asked.

Have them tell you what they enjoy most about their jobs...and what they enjoy least! Ask them what skills and education someone must possess to be successful in that occupation.



Making a Difference

- Learn about what people do at work and how they make our world a better place.



Dream Careers!

- See what people "on the job" say about your dream career! Is it everything you expected?



Lifestyle

- In thinking about your future, you must consider what's important to you in your daily life. What would you think about a career that required a great deal of travel or many years of study? Is the amount of money you make important to you?



Lifestyle

How would you feel about a job that required you to move on a regular basis? What hours of the day or night will you be working? Which aspects of your future lifestyle are most important to you?



Read

Find information on-line on careers that might match your interests and abilities.

Many publications can provide you with information about careers that you may never have considered.



Research ...research...research

- Visit with the school's guidance website to find out about tests or interest inventories that can assess your skills and interests.
- Get as much information as possible from as many sources as you can.

