



## What do You Want to do, When You Grow Up?

If choosing a career were only that simple! Figuring out if a career path is right for you, or even if a career is what you want to do in the first place, can be hard to do.

Skills assessments can easily help you determine what types of jobs you can do, and work values assessments might help you determine what types of jobs would provide satisfaction, but what type of assessment helps determine whether you will actually like a career you have the skills and motivation to do?

What Color is Your Parachute?, a book written more than 40 years ago by Dick Bolles, is still a best seller because it offers more than just how to create a resume and apply for jobs. It asks readers to think about the following things: What do you most love to do, using the most basic transferable skills you most love to use? Where would you most love to use those skills, how and with whom, in what kind of organization?

Part of the process of self-assessment is determining what your skills are, what you enjoy doing and what is important to you in your work (and life)—fundamental to career development. Knowing what matters to you makes it so much easier to make your way to a great job.

As Confucius said, "choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."

For more information on free personality and skills assessments visit [Jobs.mo.gov](https://jobs.mo.gov) and read the articles below for more on figuring out what you want to do when you grow up.

- [How to Use Self-Assessment Tools to Help You Choose a Career](#)
- [Do What You Love! How to Identify & Pursue Your Passions](#)
- [Ten Tips for Finding A Job That Will Make You Happy](#)



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