

Lesson 1- What is Apprenticeship?

1. Introduction to the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship

The number of jobs available to you is very exciting! There are so many different paths you can take. It's important to know what you like, what you're good at, and what you would enjoy doing as a career.

We're going to talk about jobs in the skilled trades. In the skilled trades, you can work with your hands, take your hobby to work, get paid well, and do a lot of different things every day.

The skilled trades include jobs in construction, such as a carpenter or electrician. They also include jobs in motive repairs, which are jobs like automotive service technician (which is a mechanic), or heavy duty equipment technician (someone who works on the big equipment). There are jobs in the service trades, such as cook and hairstylist, and jobs in production and maintenance. That includes jobs like welder.

To work in these trades, you follow a system of training called apprenticeship. In apprenticeship, you get a job, and then you are trained by your employer while you are working and getting paid. Then once a year, you go to school for two months to learn more in a classroom or laboratory.

Review *Middle Years Terminology* sheet.

2. Ask students what they want to do after high school for a career.

Can provide ideas, such as: jobs in construction, the medical field, lawyer, professional athlete, business, teacher, and many more.

Suggestion: Have students write down their career of choice on a piece of paper, fold it, and put it away.

3. Pass out the video response forms and the “What is Apprenticeship” brochure.

Before we go any further, let's watch a video to meet people who are working in the skilled trades.

As you watch the video, watch for the answers to these questions and write them down.

4. Play the “What is Apprenticeship?” video

<http://saskapprenticeship.ca/resources/videos/> - Video 1

5. Review the answers with the students.

6. Play “What is Apprenticeship – Grades 7-9 presentation” video.

<http://saskapprenticeship.ca/resources/videos/> - Video 3

- a. Slide 5, will ask “Which one is not a skilled trade?” Ask the students what they think. The video will provide about 30 seconds for answers and will then show the correct answer, number 3, and engineer.
- b. Slide 10, 11 and 12 will ask “What trades can you see?” and will go through each question mark, asking students to try to determine what trade is represented. There will be about 20 seconds provided for each. During that time, encourage students to provide guesses. The video will show the correct answers.

7. Following the second video, ask the students the following questions:

- a. What do you want to do after high school for a career?
Have the students reference back to their first answer. Has it changed? Discuss why.
- b. What trade is most interesting to you?
Talk about where the students can learn more (see the list of materials at the end).
- c. What was your favourite part of today’s presentation? Why?

Materials for students to reference to learn more:

Saskatchewan Specific

Saskapprenticeship.ca

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/skapprenticeship>

YouTube – search different trades to see what they do!

Other

Tradeupsask.ca (construction trades) – has videos and information on each construction trade

Saskcareers.ca

Careersintrades.ca

Careersinconstruction.ca



Name: _____

Please write down the answers as you hear and see them on the video

What is Nathan's job? _____

Why did Nathan want to work in this job? _____

What is Brad's job? _____

How long did it take Brad to get from being a Level 1 apprentice to a journeyperson? _____

Does Brad get paid while working, or in technical training? _____

What is Jenna's job? _____

Why did Jenna like the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program? _____

What is Chad's job? _____

What does Chad do every day? _____

Name three reasons why it's good to have a trade _____

What is Daniel's job? _____

What does Daniel enjoy? _____

What is Roxanne's job? _____

What does Roxanne do every day? _____

Where can you work in a skilled trades job? _____
