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1. List different types of jobs. Put a check mark next to the jobs on your list that interest you most.

2. List 4 reasons people may have for choosing their jobs.

3. Ben Jones is nearing the end of eighth grade and has started thinking about his future. He is looking into different career choices that interest him. The table below shows the professions, or jobs, Ben has researched so far.

Profession	Years of Education Needed After High School	Typical Annual Salary
Optician	1	\$37,010
Professional Chef	2	\$45,950
Air Conditioning Technician	2	\$47,753
Paralegal	2	\$53,180
Nutritionist	4	\$60,370
Biomedical Engineer	4	\$67,000
Registered Nurse	4	\$71,730
Medical Sonographer	2	\$73,860
Architect	5	\$80,750
Computer Hardware Engineer	4	\$117,220
Lawyer	7	\$144,230
Orthodontist	10	\$225,760

- a. What patterns do you notice in the data?

- b. The table gives the typical yearly salary for each profession. Why might someone's salary be different from the numbers in the chart?
4. Four years of education is necessary to become a respiratory therapist. Using the data in the table, select the choice that most likely shows the yearly salary of a respiratory therapist.
- \$20,540
 - \$35,650
 - \$60,280
 - \$95,120
5. Jordyn went to school to earn a degree as a nutritionist. Before getting her first job, she completed an additional nutritionist certification. How might her salary compare to the salary of another nutritionist with the same amount of experience as Jordyn? Explain your thinking.
6. Charlie just started out as a professional chef. He became a professional chef because his aunt earns \$68,000 a year as a chef. At his first job, he earns a yearly salary of \$21,000. He wants to know why he is paid less than his aunt. What would you tell Charlie?

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1. How does the amount of time someone goes to school usually affect the money they earn at their job?

2. A paralegal goes to school for 2 years and usually earns an annual salary of about \$53,180. An eye doctor goes to school for 7 years. Select the choice that most likely shows the typical annual salary of an eye doctor.

- a. \$29,140
- b. \$48,850
- c. \$50,960
- d. \$111,790

