

# Career Venn Diagrams



Concept  
Learning Skills



Length  
15-20 Minutes

## Inquiry Prompts

- Why would you want to know how jobs are similar/different?
- How do similarities and differences in careers help people pick their jobs?

## Instructions

In this activity students compare and contrast 2 careers to understand how some jobs are similar and different.

- 1 Define career groups (or clusters) for students. Ask them what kind of jobs they think they'll find in the 6 career groups in Xello Elementary: building and fixing, business, creative, health, helping, and nature.
- 2 Hand out a [Venn diagram worksheet](#) to each student.
- 3 Ask students to use Xello to research 2 careers from the same career group. To see career groups, students should go to the **Careers** section of Xello and select **Career Groups**.
- 4 In the parts of the circles that don't overlap, students should list all the ways each career is unique.
- 5 Where the circles overlap, they should list the characteristics that the 2 careers share.

**Message for students:** Career groups help people find jobs that are similar so they can start thinking about the things they like in a job. Knowing how jobs are the same can help adults find a career they might like. If they like a career's tasks, workplace, or using the skills required for the job, they may also like a career that shares the same characteristics.

## Materials Required

- [Career Venn Diagram worksheet](#)
- Pencils, colored pencils, or markers
- Computers (tablets, phones) with Internet access

## Artifacts

Upload students' Venn diagrams to **Storyboard**, where they can reflect on the similarities and differences between careers. Students can also like the career profiles in Xello that appeal to them most.

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# Career Venn Diagram

Career: \_\_\_\_\_

Career: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes this  
career unique?

What makes this  
career unique?

What characteristics  
do both careers share?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_