

COMMUNICATION GOALS

- 1 Explain a change of intentions or plans.
- 2 Express regrets about past actions.
- 3 Discuss skills, abilities, and qualifications.
- 4 Discuss factors that promote success.

UNIT

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Life Plans

PREVIEW

What's the best career for you?

Take the preference inventory to see which fields might be a good match for you. Check the activities you like (or would like) to do.

- work on experiments in a science laboratory
- write songs
- manage a department of a large business corporation
- repair furniture
- be a doctor and care for sick people
- design the stage scenery for a play
- teach adults how to read
- study a company's sales
- restore antique cars
- teach science to young people
- help families with problems
- manage a company's sales representatives
- make clothes to sell
- interpret X-rays and other medical tests
- make paintings and sculptures
- help couples with their new babies
- start my own business
- build houses

Write the number of check marks you have by each color.

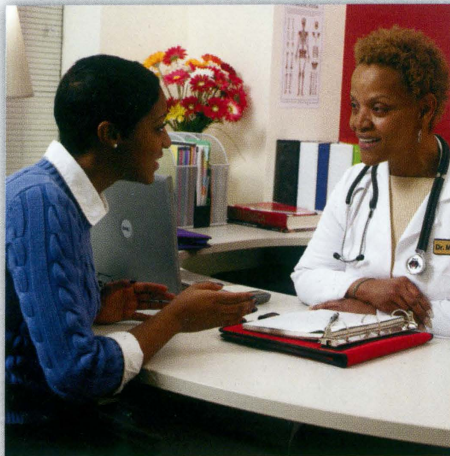
Field: BUSINESS SCIENCE CRAFTS
 SOCIAL WORK ARTS



A DISCUSSION Talk about the questions.

- Which field or fields did you have the most check marks in?
- Were you surprised by your results? Explain.
- What are some jobs or professions in that field?

B 3:19 **PHOTO STORY** Read and listen to a conversation about a career choice.



Charlotte: Dr. Miller, I wonder if I could pick your brain.

Dr. Miller: Sure, Charlotte. What's on your mind?

Charlotte: Well, I always thought I would go to engineering school, but now I'm not so sure anymore.

Dr. Miller: Well, it's not so unusual for a person your age to change her mind . . .

Dr. Miller: I must have changed mine ten times before I settled on medicine! Have you decided on something else?

Charlotte: Well, actually, I've developed an interest in the health field, and since you're a doctor . . .

Dr. Miller: Are you thinking of medicine?

Charlotte: Not specifically. Something related that doesn't take that long to study . . .

Charlotte: I know there are some good options, but I'm having trouble making up my mind.

Dr. Miller: Well, have you given any thought to becoming a physical therapist? It's a great field. You help people, and there's always a job available.

Charlotte: Hmm. Physical therapy. I should have thought of that. I'll keep that in mind.

C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE Find the following expressions in the Photo Story. Use the context to help you match the expressions and their meanings.

..... 1 make up one's mind

..... 2 keep something in mind

..... 3 be on one's mind

..... 4 settle on

..... 5 change one's mind

..... 6 pick someone's brain

a decide to do something else

b remember something

c think of something

d decide to do something after considering conflicting choices

e ask someone about something

f make a final decision that won't change

SPEAKING

A Have you ever changed your mind before settling on something? Check any areas in which you have changed your mind.

a career or job choice

a flat or other place to live

a field of study

the choice of a school or college

a marriage

other

B DISCUSSION Survey the class. How many classmates checked each box? Discuss the reasons why people changed their plans.

