

Career Investigation Project

Name _____
Date _____
Teacher _____ Period _____

1. Log onto cacareerzone.org
2. Click **graphic**
3. Click **Get a Reality Check**
4. Click **Non-flash version**
5. Choose a city (write it down): _____

At this website you will choose items from each category. Whatever you select, mark on this sheet.

1. Housing (select one)

- Live at Home
- Basic Apartment
- Average Apartment
- Luxury Apartment
- House

2. Utilities (select between one and five)

- Electricity
- Phone
- DSL (internet service)
- Cable
- Mobile Phone (cell)

3. Food (select one)

- Eat at Home
- Dine Out
- Combo Plan
- Luxury Apartment
- House

4. Transportation (select one)

- Human Power (bicycle)
- Bus
- Used Auto
- Basic Auto
- Average Auto
- Luxury Auto

5. Clothing (select one)

- X-small \$15 budget for clothing
- Small \$50 budget for clothing
- Medium \$75 budget for clothing
- Large \$100 budget for clothing
- X-Large \$100 budget for clothing

6. Health Care (select one)

- Health Insurance \$50
- Health Insurance \$125
- Dentist Visit \$82
- Doctor Visit \$96

7. Entertainment (select one)

- Nest
- Have Fun
- Hang Out
- Go Out
- Party Animal

8. Personal Upkeep (select one)

- Lite
- Low
- Medium
- High
- Extreme

9. Miscellaneous (select between one and five)

- Stuff
- Travel
- Home
- Gadgets
- More

10. Savings (select one)

- 10%
- 7%
- 5%
- 2%
- 0%

Reality Check Total Expenses

Once you have completed your “reality check,” fill-in your monthly expenses. *Do not print the report!*

Your Monthly Expenses	Choose a city:
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Housing	
Utilities	
Food	
Transportation	
Clothes	
Health Care	
Entertainment	
Personal	
Miscellaneous	
Savings	

Monthly Expenses	
Annual Expenses	
Taxes (25% of Annual Expenses)	

Annual Salary Needed	
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Now that you know how much things cost, next is finding out which careers will pay you the kind of salary you will need in order to afford your lifestyle.

Click on the red arrow “Find Occupations that Match This Annual Salary”

Occupations (*Green webpage*)

The city you selected _____

Annual Salary Needed _____

Education: *Select:*

- I don't know, include all education levels*

Occupational Category: *Select*

- I don't know, include all occupational levels*

Click **Find Occupations**

Write 5 Occupations that you may select in order to match with your annual salary for the lifestyle you want.

1. _____

Definition: _____

Education: _____

Wages: _____ **for entry level**

_____ **for experienced workers**

2. _____

Definition: _____

Education: _____

Wages: _____ **for entry level**

_____ **for experienced workers**

Occupations (continued)

3. _____

Definition: _____

Education: _____

Wages: _____ **for entry level**

_____ **for experienced workers**

4. _____

Definition: _____

Education: _____

Wages: _____ **for entry level**

_____ **for experienced workers**

5. _____

Definition: _____

Education: _____

Wages: _____ **for entry level**

_____ **for experienced workers**