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Work and Career Readiness

As you implement *JA Career Success*®, we want you to be aware of the self-guided, on-demand digital resources available on JA Connect® to enhance and extend student learning. These bite-size learning activities average 5–10 minutes in length, are highly interactive, and are accessible via computer or mobile device at https://connect.ja.org/work-career-readiness. They may be used:

- As pre-program activities to help jump-start conversation.
- To practice concepts during your JA class sessions.
- As a follow-up for extended learning/practice.

All entry-level resources are available to any user. Intermediate and advanced resources require login (users can access with existing JA login or may self-register). Select the thumbnail image to go directly to the resource.

Go to connect.ja.org for more activities.

New resources are added frequently, so check back often. Resources that align with *JA Career Success*, including those found in the Educator Overviews, are:

SESSION ONE: WELCOME TO THE WORKPLACE

Understanding Interviewing

Entry

Students learn how interviews work and discover how they can benefit from the job interview process.

What's AI Anyway?

Entry

Students get an introduction to AI use in the workplace.

AI: Your Career Ally

Intermediate

Students discover how AI can support their career exploration, job searching, resume optimization, and career planning for internships.

SESSION TWO: WORKPLACE DECISION MAKING

Strategic Planning Decision Making

Entry

Students learn about JA, PACED, and Weighted Decision-Making tools and when to use each one.

Responding to Failure

Intermediate

Students discover tips and techniques for responding positively to failure.

Weighted Pros and Cons Decision-Making Tool

Intermediate

Students learn about and try out the Weighted Decision-Making Tool which allows them to assign some criteria more weight than others to help choose the best alternative.

SESSION TWO: WORKPLACE DECISION MAKING (CONTINUED)

PACED Decision-Making Model

Intermediate

Students use a matrix-based decisionmaking tool for complex situations with multiple alternatives.

The Brain of AI

Entry

Students learn how AI processes data and why human decision-making remains essential.

AI Bias

Entry

Students learn how AI is a great research and idea partner but has inherent bias.

Fact-Checking AI Outputs

Intermediate

Students learn that fact-checking AI responses should be a built-in step when using AI for research and informed decision-making.

Building Better AI

Intermediate

Students reflect on how their AI inputs influence AI learning.

SESSION THREE: WORK SMART: PLANNING AND REMOTE COLLABORATION

What Is Collaboration?

Entry

Students explore different situations in which teamwork is the key to success.

Effective Remote Collaboration

Entry

Students learn how remote teams can work together effectively.

Responding to Failure

Intermediate

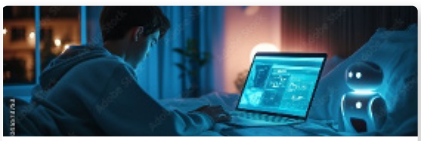
Students discover tips and techniques for responding positively to failure.

SESSION THREE: WORK SMART: PLANNING AND REMOTE COLLABORATION (CONTINUED)

The Everyday Genius of AI

Entry

Students explore AI tools that promote productivity.



Learn 2.0 With AI

Entry

Students discover how to use AI tools to boost learning, enhance study habits, and stay on top of academic tasks and time management.

GPT Matchmaking

Intermediate

Students learn how to identify AI-powered productivity tools to maximize efficiency.

Build Your AI Buddy

Intermediate

Students learn how to build AI bots to build efficiency in redundant tasks.

SESSION FOUR: CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE WORKPLACE

Tips for Handling Conflict

Entry

Students explore 10 key tips for successful conflict resolution and decide whether individuals are handling conflicts well or poorly.

Win-Win Conflict Resolution

Entry

Students learn how interest-based conflict resolution works and why it's often the best way to resolve differences in the workplace.

Expert Guidance: Conflict Management

Entry

Students get hands-on experience in conflict resolution as they play this scenario-based game.

SESSION FOUR: CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE WORKPLACE (CONTINUED)

You're The Boss: Conflict Resolution

Intermediate

Students evaluate supervisors' conflict management skills and help improve employee satisfaction.

Selecting the Right Conflict Resolution Model

Intermediate

Students explore different scenarios and learn more about different types of conflict resolution.

A Positive Look at Conflict

Intermediate

Students learn about the upside of conflict.

SESSION FIVE: WORKPLACE CREATIVITY

What is Growth Mindset?

Entry

Students learn about growth mindset and how to identify it in themselves and others.

How to Develop a Growth Mindset

Entry

Students explore tips and examples to help them overcome fixed ideas and allow them to grow, learn, and overcome challenges.

Responding to Failure

Intermediate

Students discover tips and techniques for responding positively to failure.

The Everyday Genius of AI

Entry

Students explore AI tools that promote productivity.

SESSION SIX: SOLVING WORK PROBLEMS

What is Collaboration?

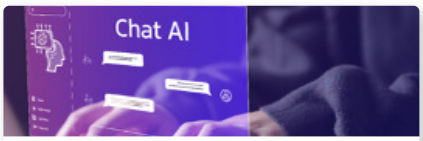
Entry

Students explore different situations in which teamwork is the key to success.

The Other Side of Conflict

Intermediate

Students help characters make decisions. At each decision point, they see how their choices play out—and whether they help or hurt the conflict resolution process.



Think Twice, Ask Once

Intermediate

Critical thinking is key to problem-solving. Students learn how to use AI responsibly and apply it appropriately.

SESSION SEVEN: CRISIS MANAGEMENT

How to Develop a Growth Mindset

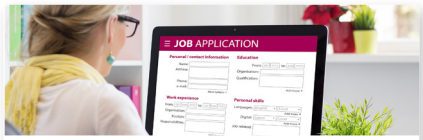
Entry

Students explore tips and examples to help them overcome fixed ideas and to allow them to grow, learn, and overcome challenges.

Effective Team Behavior

Intermediate

Students observe and make recommendations about which employees have the traits they need to support collaboration, resolve conflicts, and lead by example.



Online Job Applications

Intermediate

Students learn what information is needed to complete an online job application and practice filling one out.

Crafting Your Resume

Entry

Students learn how to recognize key features of a resume and explore resume formatting options.

AI Talk Made Easy

Entry

Students learn the basics of communicating with AI tools to get clear and helpful responses.

Perfecting Prompts

Intermediate

Students learn to craft strong AI prompts for better research outcomes.

SESSION SEVEN: CRISIS MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

AI Chat Hacks

Intermediate

Students discover tips for using AI chat tools smarter and faster.

AI: Your Career Ally

Intermediate

Students explore how AI might help with job searching, resume optimization, and career planning for internships.