

BEFORE YOU READ

A Read the tip.

READING TIP: Getting information from a table

Some articles or news stories include information organized in a **table**. A table shows information in columns and rows. A table can make detailed factual information easier to understand. This is the table that appears in the article you will read.

Expected Number of New Jobs in Selected Professions

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registered nurse	439,000
nursing assistant	262,000
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software developer	135,000

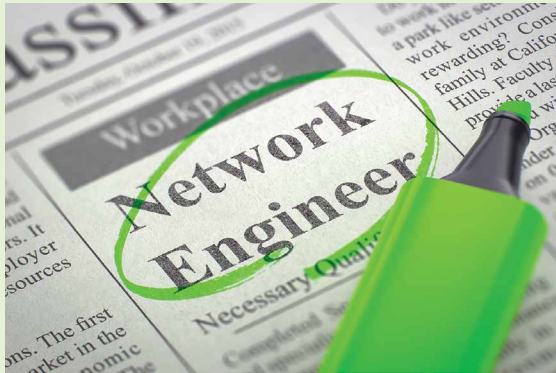
Look at the table. Choose the correct answer.

- Which profession will have the greatest number of new jobs?
 - Software developer
 - Registered nurse
 - Personal care aide
- Compare jobs as a nursing assistant and software developer. Which profession will have more jobs?
 - Software developer
 - Nursing assistant
 - It is not possible to tell from the chart.

B **PREVIEW THE ARTICLE.** Look at the title, the chart, the photo, and the bold words in the article. Choose all the correct answers.

- What topics will be included in the article?
 - The kinds of jobs that are increasing
 - The kinds of jobs that are decreasing
 - The qualities a person needs to do a job
- What topics are probably **not** included in the article?
 - How to prepare for a job interview
 - How much money people earn in jobs
 - The history of different jobs

Research on Changing Jobs



Did you ever wonder how to find information about available jobs? The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is a resource for people making job decisions. The BLS does research on all the jobs in the United States. They learn which jobs are increasing or decreasing. They also study how much jobs pay and the qualities people need for each job. When job-seekers know which fields are growing, which ones pay well, and what qualities match their own, they can look for jobs in those areas.

10 Where the Jobs Are

The BLS studies why the numbers of jobs are changing. For instance, we know that jobs in manufacturing are not increasing. And we know that healthcare jobs are increasing. This is because the U.S. population is getting older. Also, more people have insurance to help them pay for healthcare. Jobs in food service are also increasing. More people are eating out. Jobs for software developers are increasing. More and more people want

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to store information on computers. Also, many businesses are concerned about computer security.

Where the Money Is

The BLS research helps workers learn about the pay in different jobs. For instance, the BLS says that the salary for home healthcare workers is low, about \$10 an hour. Other jobs in healthcare, such as nursing, have higher salaries. Nurses make \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year. This information might help workers decide to get more education to earn higher pay in a different job.

Personal Qualities

The BLS also helps workers learn about the important qualities that people need for a job. For example, jobs in healthcare require compassion and stamina. Healthcare workers need to care about other people. They also need to do physical work for long hours. Computer software developers need to be creative and good at problem solving. When workers learn about these qualities, they can choose a job that fits their own personal qualities.

READ

 **LISTEN AND READ.** Then choose the main idea.

The main idea of the article is _____.

- there will be many new jobs in healthcare
- workers can learn about the jobs that are expected to grow, and how much they pay, from the BLS
- jobs for home healthcare workers will grow, but the pay for these jobs is low
- jobs in healthcare require compassion

CLOSE READING 1

DETAILS. Read the article again. Answer the questions with details from the article.

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| 1. What does the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics do?
a. It studies the job market in the U.S.
b. It helps create jobs for people.
c. It pays people to look for jobs. | Where is this information in the article?
a. Lines 3–4
b. Lines 12–13
c. Lines 16–17 |
| 2. Which types of jobs are not increasing?
a. Jobs in food service
b. Jobs in healthcare
c. Jobs in manufacturing | Where is this information in the article?
a. Lines 23–24
b. Lines 12–13
c. Lines 16–17 |
| 3. Which job has a low salary?
a. Home healthcare worker
b. Nurse
c. Software developer | Where is this information in the article?
a. Lines 23–24
b. Lines 25–26
c. Lines 17–18 |
| 4. What qualities are needed for jobs in computer science?
a. Being creative and good at problem solving
b. Having compassion and stamina
c. Caring about other people and being able to do physical work | Where is this information in the article?
a. Lines 31–33
b. Lines 17–19
c. Lines 34–36 |

CLOSE READING 2

DETAILS. Complete the sentences with details from the article. Draw a line from the sentence beginnings to the endings to make a match.

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| 1. According to the article, people looking for higher pay may need to | a. have insurance to help pay for healthcare. |
| 2. People working in computer software design need to | b. have compassion. |
| 3. People working in healthcare need to | c. get more education. |
| 4. People getting older need to | d. be good at problem solving. |

VOCABULARY 1

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right. Draw a line to the meanings to make a match.

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| 1. In Line 7, field means | a. to study in order to have new information. |
| 2. In Line 6, quality means | b. a special thing about a person. |
| 3. In Line 4, research means | c. your special work interest or kind of job. |
| 4. In Line 23, salary means | d. money that people make by working. |

VOCABULARY 2

Find the words in the article. Write the words next to their meanings.

compassion creative physical stamina

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| 1. caring about other people | _____ |
| 2. ability to work for a long time | _____ |
| 3. using a lot of effort and strength to do hard work | _____ |
| 4. able to think of new ideas | _____ |

VOCABULARY 3

Read the underlined words. Then circle the word from the article that has the same meaning.

1. A person looking for a job can use the information.
job-seeker
developer
worker
2. A person who designs new things needs to be creative.
job-seeker
developer
nurse
3. People want to keep information on computers.
research
pay for
store

SUMMARIZE

Complete the sentence to summarize the article. Choose all the correct answers.

People who are looking for a new job can use the BLS for information about ____.

- a. the kinds of jobs that are available
- b. how much different jobs pay
- c. the qualities that are important in different jobs
- d. where to find a school to learn new skills

Show what you know!

STEP 1. The article talks about the personal qualities that are important for different jobs. Take notes in the chart and answer the questions.

What qualities are talked about in the article?

What jobs match those qualities?

Do any of these qualities describe you?

What jobs would you like?

What qualities do you have for the jobs you like? Do you need other qualities for these jobs?

STEP 2. Talk to a partner or a small group. Discuss your list of qualities and jobs from your notes.

You can begin:

I have a lot of compassion for other people. I think this quality means I would be good as a _____.