

Worksheet

How green is that career?



This activity is designed to help you investigate different aspects of a job role and evaluate their impact on the environment.

If you have a Morrisby account, use the Morrisby website to explore a career that interests you but that you may not know much about. It doesn't have to be a traditionally green career. Login at **www.morrisby.com** and go to **My Choices > Careers**.

If you don't have a Morrisby account, use:

- Explore careers at <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/> (England)
- Explore careers in My career options at <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/> (Scotland)
- or Job information at <https://careerswales.gov.wales/job-information> (Wales)

Choose a career

Note the career you have chosen to investigate:

Do you think this career is suitable for anyone concerned about their impact on the environment?
Yes/No

Give your reasons:

Investigate the career

Now find the career on the Morrisby website, or the appropriate careers website listed on page 1, and read the description of the career or job role to find out what you'll do.

Identify at least 4 day to day job tasks and any specified working conditions (eg where you would work, frequency of travel, physical or emotional demands, hazards at work, uniform requirement).

For each job task and working condition consider its impact on the environment; either positive, negative or no impact. Enter each task/working condition in the appropriate column in the tables below and note the reason for your decision in the fourth column. (Consider things like the equipment, materials or tools needed to perform a task, the way you would perform the task, whether an activity produces any waste and any other factors associated with the job tasks which may impact on the environment).

An example reason for a positive impact on the environment: aerospace engineers research how to make fuel-efficient engines

An example reason for a negative impact on the environment: the job requires frequent travel by car which can cause air pollution

If you are not sure about the impact of a job task or working condition you may leave it off your list.

Day to day job tasks

Positive impact	Negative impact	No impact	Reason



Working conditions

Positive impact	Negative impact	No impact	Reason

If you haven't entered any job tasks or working conditions in the positive impact column, does that mean everything about this career is bad for the environment? Give your reasons.



If you haven't entered any job tasks or working conditions in the negative impact column, does that mean everything about this career is good for the environment? Give your reasons.

How could I make this career more green?

Any career can be made more green, even those careers whose main focus is not the environment. Look back at the job tasks and working conditions that you entered in the negative impact column. (If you didn't find any before, read the career/job description again to see if you can find some now).

If you worked in this career how could you adjust the job tasks or working conditions to reduce their impact on the environment?

Eg arrange to meet clients online rather than travelling to meet them in person



What specific green knowledge or skills, if any, might you need to acquire to make these adjustments?

What would be the biggest challenge to making this career more green? How might you meet this challenge?

Now that you have investigated this career, do you want to change your response to the question you answered at the start of this worksheet; **Do you think this career is suitable for anyone concerned about their impact on the environment?**

Explain why or why not.

As you make choices about which career path to pursue in the future will the environmental impact of a job role influence your choice?

Explain why or why not.

