Welcome to Entering the World of Work!

What do you enjoy? What do you do well? What do you want to do with your life? This book will help you answer these questions.

Getting to Know You

You will learn more about yourself. You will learn to make smart decisions and choose the right career for you.

Finding the Right Job

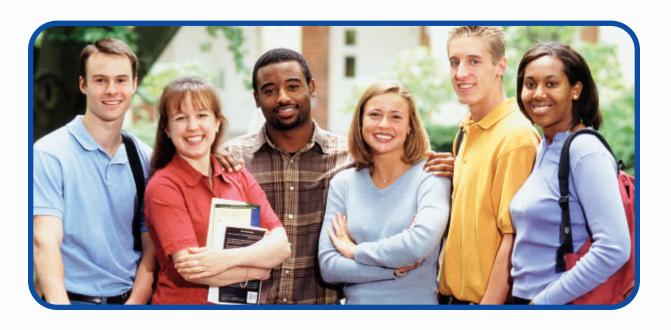
You will learn how to find and get the job you want. You will learn how to be a valuable employee. You will improve skills that will move you ahead in your career.

Developing Skills for Everyday Living

You will learn everyday skills related to working. You will learn what you need to live on your own.

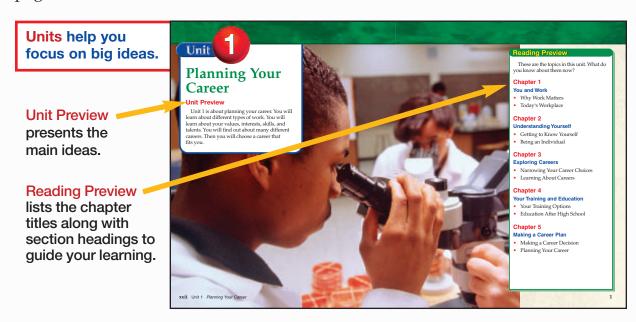
Getting Ready for the Future

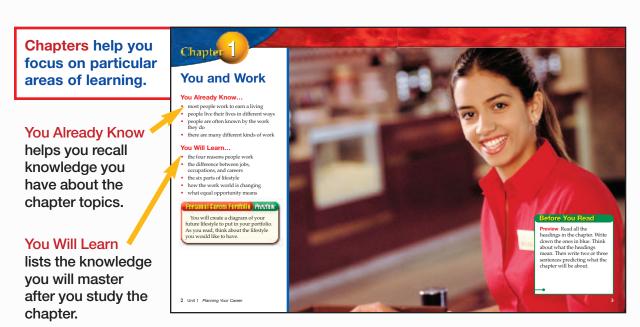
The world of work offers you many opportunities. Use your abilities to their fullest. Your entry into the world of work will be easier and more successful.



Understanding the Text Structure

Your textbook has been organized to help you learn about the skills you will need to enter the world of work. Before you start reading, follow this road map to help you understand what you will encounter in the pages of this textbook.

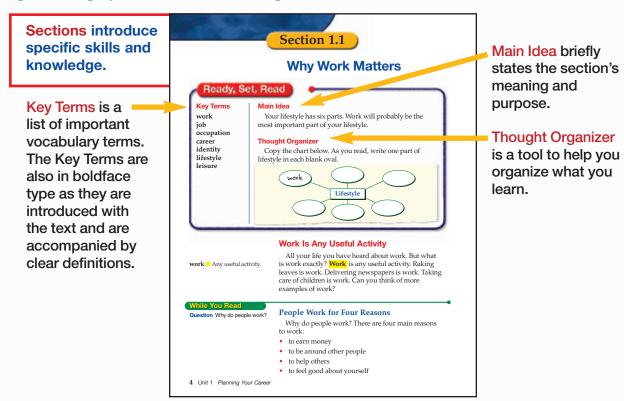






The Section Opener

Each chapter is divided into two sections. The section opener helps you understand concepts.



Using Reading Strategies

Entering the World of Work contains reading strategies that help you learn the information in each chapter.

The Before You Read feature helps prepare you to learn by previewing information, setting a purpose for your learning, or by drawing from your own background knowledge.

Before You Read

Preview Read all the headings in the chapter. Write down the ones in blue. Think about what the headings mean. Then write two or three sentences predicting what the chapter will be about.

The While You Read feature appears throughout the chapter and is designed to help you question, connect, or visualize information.

While You Read

Connect Do you prefer to be alone or around others?



Focus on the Features

The features in each chapter provide special insights into career topics and challenge your creativity and imagination.

Point of View



Learning Customer Service

Stacy Mignon just started her first full-time job. "I'm a customer service trainee at Kiddy Toys in Memphis. I'm learning to handle calls from customers."

Stacy likes to work with people. She thought doing customer service would be easy. "But there's nothing

easy about customer service!" she says. "Dealing with customers' complaints is very hard work."

Stacy has learned a lot about customer service at her job. "I've learned that you have to be flexible too and have great people skills to give good customer service," she says. "Once a customer was missing a part for a model train. We were out of that part, but I found a similar part in the supply room. We sent it to him. That solved the problem and made everybody happy."

It's Your Turn Getting along with others is an important skill. Think of a situation in the past where you showed skill at getting along with others. What was the situation? How did you show your skill?

For help completing this activity, visit

ewow.glencoe.com/tip the Chapter 1 Point of

The Making Good Choices feature lets you look at the ethical challenges and choices workers face.

Making Good Choices

Using E-Mail at Work

You work in the billing department of a large insurance company. Every day you read and write many business e-mails. You also write a few messages to friends and family. Your company allows workers to spend a little time using e-mail for personal reasons. Your coworker Farad, however, spends two hours a day e-mailing friends. Farad sometimes falls behind at work and asks you for help. If you do not help, your boss will find out that he is not working hard. You do not want to keep helping Farad, but you do not want him to be fired.

You Make the Call What options do you have in this situation? Which one would you choose?

For help in answering this question, visit **ewow.glencoe.nom/lips** and select the Sauret Tip for the Chapter 1 Making Good Choices.

The Point of View feature presents the experiences of young people beginning their careers along with their tips for success.

Real-World Connection

Handling Criticism

Everyone receives some criticism at work. *Criticism* is a comment about something you could do better. Criticism might hurt your feelings. But it is helpful. If your boss gives you criticism, listen well. You may get criticism from coworkers and customers. It is important to listen to this criticism, too. If you do not understand what they are saying, ask. Ask for suggestions on how you could do your job better.

People sometimes give criticism in an angry way. Do not take this personally. It does not mean you are a bad worker.

Take the Next Step Helpful criticism is called *constructive criticism*. Less helpful criticism is called *destructive criticism*. Research the two types of criticism on the Internet. Explain the

e criticism.

loing this activity, go to ce.com/tips and find the Smart Tip pter 1 Real-World Connection feature.

> The Real-World Connection feature helps build the communication skills needed on the job.



Focus on the Features

The Career Talk feature provides interviews with people who have jobs in each of the career clusters. The feature offers information about job skills, education or training, and career outlook.

The Study Tip feature provides tips and ideas to help you build your study skills.

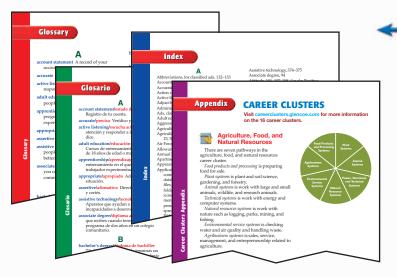
Study Tip

Are you close to friends or family? Try "teaching" a friend or family member about what you are learning in school. When you explain something to another person, it helps you remember it.



Resources to Help You Learn

The back of *Entering the World of Work* contains resources that help you find and learn more information.



The Glossary allows you to find definitions quickly and easily.

The Glosario/Spanish Glossary provides definitions of all the Key Terms written in Spanish.

The Index lists important terms and ideas.

The Career Clusters Appendix offers detailed information about each career cluster's pathways.



Reviewing What You've Learned

Entering the World of Work guides you to review and reinforce your learning at each step.

