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## How to Find Jobs

If your mentee is interested in finding a part-time or summer job, here are some things you can do to focus his/her attention on key issues. You won't need a computer for this activity. This activity is optional because it involves asking somewhat personal questions. If you have a close relationship with your mentee, you may find this exercise valuable.

### Using the Classifieds:

1. Bring in the Classifieds section of the Sunday paper. (It has by far the most complete listing of jobs.)
2. Have your mentee circle jobs that interest him or her.
3. Talk about the jobs:
  - What do you think they pay per hour?
  - How many people will apply for each one?
  - What do you need to do to apply?
  - How long before they will hire someone?
4. If your mentee wants a summer job, ask him/her the following questions:
  - How will you spend/save the money?
  - Do you have a budget?
  - Why do you want the job?
  - How can you build on this experience?
  - Can you get valuable references?
  - Can you return next summer?
5. If your mentee wants a part-time job, ask him/her these questions:
  - Why do you want to work?
  - Do you have to work?
  - Are you working just to buy "toys"?
  - Will this job affect your performance in school? This is the key question. Studies show that many teens do not do as well in school when they work part-time.**

Using the Classifieds to talk about work can have many advantages for both mentees and mentors. It is also an easy way for mentors to share their experiences and expertise with their students.