

Dream career [A carreira dos sonhos]

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What did you want to be when you grew up?

When you were five years old, maybe you dreamed to be a firefighter, one of those brave men who saved people's lives every day. Or maybe you wanted to be a lawyer or even a superhero.

When you became adult, your dreams probably changed. After all, you are not five years old anymore. You are an adult with real responsibilities and real bills to pay every month.

We surveyed 300 Americans in a survey via Google to discover what they wanted to be when they grew up and what their dream career is right now. See if you can relate to their responses:

Here are the top 10 careers our respondents wanted when they were kids:

1. Doctor; 2. Teacher; 3. Firefighter; 4. Nurse; 5. Baseball player; 6. Veterinarian; 7. Lawyer; 8. Cowboy; 9. Astronaut; 10. Singer.

The funny thing about the "dream careers" of kids is that they generally don't know anything about annual salaries or duties and responsibilities or what kind of education is necessary to have a job and, frankly, they don't care. They only are interested to know if their dream job is funny, cool or exciting. In fact, when we asked kids what they thought the most important part of a job was the majority said "having fun" or "helping others."

Here's a sampling of our respondents' ideal careers now:

1. Firefighter; 2. Teacher; 3. Cop; 4. Business owner; 5. CEO; 6. Artist; 7. Accountant; 8. Nurse; 9. Game developer; 10. Chef.

So most of these responses make sense. Doctors, teachers and nurses are prevalent in the life and often help children. A kid with a dog probably goes to a veterinarian. And of course, kids who grow up watching TV know all about athletes, singers and cowboys.

Today, the most common career our survey respondents want is to be retired. Retiring early is a dream of many, but only a few can have that.

So, what did you want to be when you grew up? And what do you want to be now?

Adapted from: <http://www.rasmussen.edu/student-life/blogs/main/when-i-was-little-i-wanted-to-be/>

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