

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 of being a firefighter, one of those brave men who saved people's lives every day. Or maybe you wanted to be a lawyer like your dad or a superhero like the ones you saw in comic books.

As you got a little older, your dreams probably changed. After all, you're no longer five years old. You're an adult with real responsibilities and real bills to pay every month. But just because you don't want to enter burning buildings anymore doesn't mean you don't have a new dream to follow. And guess what? You can still make it happen.

We surveyed 300 Americans via a Google consumer survey 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 kids' "dream careers" is that they generally don't know anything about annual salaries or duties and responsibilities or what kind of education is required to land a similar position—and, frankly, they don't care. They only know that their dream job sounds fun, 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.

Kids learn from everything around them, so most of these responses make sense. Doctors, teachers and nurses are prevalent in everyday life and often help children. A kid with a dog probably gets to know a vet pretty well. And of course, kids who grow up watching TV know all about athletes, singers and cowboys.

Well, a little more realistic, anyway. The most common career our survey respondents want now is to be retired. Retiring early is a dream of many, but it's something few are able to do.

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

As we mentioned before, dreams are fun because they don't have to be realistic. But here's the thing—they can be. No matter how old you are, what kind of job you have or what commitments or obligations you have, you can still have that dream career. After all, it's your dream so your dream career is whatever you want it to be.

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