Grade 7 LO week 5

As you know you will be making subject choices at the end of grade 9. The subject choices you make should reflect the direction of the career that you want to pursue after school. You might need to specific subjects in order to study for certain careers.

As you can imagine this is an important decision, because if you make poor subject choices it can make it difficult to get into certain study fields in university.

Read page 94 in your textbook. There is a lot of different career fields to choose from.

Read page 95 in your textbook. Think back on what we discussed about your own ability, interests and talents last year in PSW. Ideally, you would like a career that would match up with your strengths and interests.

Many career fields require you to have certain subjects. Read page 96 in your textbook, here they list some career field with the subjects required for each.

Resource 14

Information about different career fields

Agriculture: the science of plant and animal production and nutrition, and the economic impact thereof	**Applied and visual arts:** careers which involve creative expression through activities such as photography, painting, sculpting, drawing and so on
Building and construction: careers such as construction, brickwork and woodworking	**Catering and hospitality:** careers in the hotel industry
Clerical and secretarial: careers in an office environment using office equipment such as computers	**Crafts:** careers that allow you to make, create or decorate things using your hands
Education and support services: careers that serve to uplift and develop others through education and training	**Electrical infrastructure:** working with heavy current, overhead power lines as well as domestic, civil and industrial industries; light current in the form of digital and electronics in the communications, industrial electronics and sound engineering fields, as well as instrumentation
Engineering: careers that use scientific methods and principles to design and develop and construct things	**General services:** careers where practical skills are used to deliver useful services to others
Health science: careers finding solutions to health-related problems	**Health support services:** careers where one takes care of the health of others in a practical way
Information technology: careers where you work with computers on different levels	**Law:** careers where you get involved in the "rights" and "wrongs" of human behaviour
Law enforcement: careers that are responsible for the protection of society	**Language and communication:** careers in which language and the use of language plays a major role
Management and planning: careers in which you are given responsibility and are held responsible for the success of an area or department	**Marketing and sales:** careers which involve the buying, selling and promoting of goods or services
Numerical and financial services: careers working with figures, controlling finances and/or structuring business deals	**Performing arts:** careers which involve dance, music or drama
Science and mathematical science: careers which challenge you intellectually and which involve the use of analytical skills to solve complex problems	**Social sciences:** careers which involve the understanding of people, society and culture
Sport: careers where you can either play sport as a career, work with sportspeople or manage sports events	**Trades:** careers in this category are practical by nature and involve the use of tools, machinery and equipment

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Complete Activity 1.1 (a & b) on page 96 in your workbooks.

Resource 15

Interests, abilities and school subjects related to careers and career fields

Qualities related to careers and career fields	Abilities: What am I good at? ✓	Interests: What do I enjoy? ✓	Career field
Organising and filing paperwork			
Physical work that requires physical fitness or manual work			
Exact work – detailed evaluation of information			
Organising events			
Numbers			
Making money and doing business			
Any form of art			
Music			
Coming up with creative ideas and any creative work			
Languages			
Expressing myself through writing			
Interacting socially with others			
Helping others – emotional and physical support			
Serving others			
Selling an item or an idea			
Computers			
Technical work			
Sports			
Nature and animals			
Science			

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Complete activity 1.2 in your workbook.