

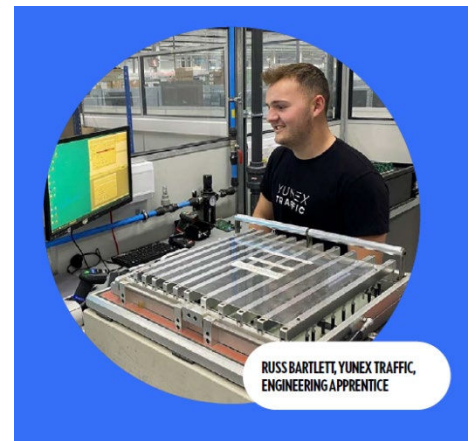
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## Introduction

National Apprenticeship Week is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about apprenticeships and how they might be an exciting option for you when you leave school or college. Following the instructions of your teacher, work your way through this activity pack to begin exploring what apprenticeships are, which apprenticeships are available and to learn about the exciting careers apprenticeships can lead to.



Please note that some tasks will require access to a computer and the internet.

**Social media:** [@Apprenticeships](#) **Hashtag:** [#NAW2024](#)

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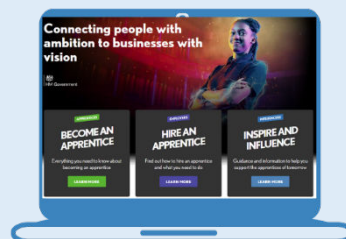
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## Top tips for exploring apprenticeships

To continue learning about apprenticeships and the exciting careers available, visit: [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

The government has a fantastic website where you can learn more about the range of apprenticeships available, how to search and apply for apprenticeships, what roles are available by interest area and more. You can also hear real stories from apprentices about their experiences.

Click the link above or scan the QR code to visit now.



## TASK 1: Apprenticeships quiz

To complete this task, please follow these instructions:

- Go to [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/becoming-apprentice](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/becoming-apprentice)
- Using the information on the website, choose true or false for each statement below to see how much you know about apprenticeships.
- If you are completing this online, please cross the true/false box to indicate your answer.

### Q1.

You have to choose between getting a degree or doing an apprenticeship.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q2.

You are paid for doing an apprenticeship, it is a real job that enables you to earn while you learn.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q3.

Apprenticeships are for people aged 18 and over.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q4.

You can start an apprenticeship at any point in your life from the age of 16. You can even complete more than one apprenticeship.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q5.

Apprentices spend half of their time at work and half at school.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q6.

All apprenticeships take two years to complete.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q7.

As an apprentice you are entitled to holiday pay and benefits.

- TRUE
- FALSE

### Q8.

At the end of your apprenticeship you have to start paying back your student loan.

- TRUE
- FALSE

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### TASK 4: Find the missing word

To complete this task, please follow these instructions:

- Bola completed her Solution Engineer degree apprenticeship at VMware and shares her experience below.
- Read Bola's story and insert the correct words from the word bank into her story.
- If you are completing this online please type in the space.



From a very young age, I was passionate about \_\_\_\_\_ and solving problems. I enjoyed the idea of breaking things and solving the problem to fix them. This helped me identify that I wanted a career in the technology industry. However, I was not too sure about the pathway to take.

While studying for my GCSEs and A-levels, I discovered I understood subjects better when I could gain \_\_\_\_\_ in the topics. This made me question if my learning style was suitable for university. I began to research the alternative pathways into the technology industry. I spoke to people in the industry, who all emphasised that an \_\_\_\_\_ was the right thing to

pursue.

I applied for lots of apprenticeships. I searched the government 'Find an apprenticeship' site and company careers websites. This helped me familiarise myself with the different \_\_\_\_\_ processes. When I found the role of a Solutions Engineer degree apprentice, I felt like this role was perfect for me as it aligns with my skill set. I found the application process straightforward when applying for VMware solutions engineer apprenticeship. It started with the initial application, then a telephone \_\_\_\_\_, followed by an assessment centre and a final interview.

From day one, I was working on installing and deploying VMware technical solution (specialised virtual software) to our internal environment. This gave me the foundation to enhance my \_\_\_\_\_ of the platforms and solution tools offered by VMware. Part of my role is to carry out research projects which have supported my knowledge of the IT industry. I present my findings to my colleagues, which have built on my research and presenting skills. I also attended regular team meetings, which I find useful, as they keep me updated on the business and the industry.

I attend lectures and seminars at the University of West London once a week. I can access any of the recorded lectures online. I have found going to \_\_\_\_\_ one day a week and working at VMware four days a week a good balance. VMware has always supported me and allowed me additional time to focus on my studies if needed.

My advice to others would be - go for it! It has honestly been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I love the fact I can put my skills to good use whilst learning. As long as you are willing to be open to learning and exploring new experiences, you will surely enjoy it. During my time at school, I learnt that there is no single path to your goal, so be willing to embrace new experiences no matter how daunting they may be. One of my \_\_\_\_\_ moments was being able to install and deploy VMware solution on internal systems. I would never have imagined I would be able to do this.

#### Word bank

recruitment	university	interview	experience
apprenticeship	technology	proudest	understanding

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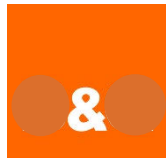










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## TASK 5: Apprentice employer logos

To complete this task, please follow these instructions:

- There are hundreds of employers who offer apprenticeships in England, from a range of sectors and of all sizes.
- Can you recognise the logos of some amazing apprentice employers?
- Work with a partner to identify which company each logo represents.
- If you are completing this online please type in the space.

		
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## TASK 6: The Big Assembly

To complete this task, please follow these instructions:

- This task will need to be completed after 11:10am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, once the recording is available.
- Go to [www.workpays.co.uk/bigassembly/](http://www.workpays.co.uk/bigassembly/) and watch the Big Assembly 2024.
- Read the questions below and use the space to make a note of your answers.
- If you are completing this online please type in the space.



What was the most interesting fact you learned about apprenticeships?

Which employer did you enjoy hearing from most?

Did any of the points discussed about apprenticeships surprise you? List these below.

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## TASK 7: Link the apprenticeship

To complete this task, please follow these instructions:

- Below is a list of school subjects and a box containing a variety of different apprenticeships – can you link each apprenticeship to a school subject?
- Write each apprenticeship in the box alongside the subject you think it links to (there is more than one per subject).
- If you are stuck, search and look at some of the apprenticeships here and see if you can find any you think link: <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>

Subjects	Apprenticeships
Art and Design	
Biology	
Business	
Chemistry	
Computing	
Design Technology	
Drama	
English	
Food Technology	
Geography	
History	
Languages	
Maths	
Music	
PE	
Physics	
Religious Studies	

★ Midwife ★ Software tester ★ Sporting excellence professional ★ Cabin crew ★ Journalist ★  
★ Town planning assistant ★ Publishing assistant ★ Pharmacy technician ★ Commis chef ★  
★ Data analyst ★ Costume technician ★ Countryside worker ★ Acoustics technician ★  
★ Laboratory technician ★ Tool process design engineer ★ Archaeological specialist ★ Doctor ★  
★ Youth worker ★ Junior animator ★ Props technician ★ Church minister ★ Travel consultant ★  
★ Junior management consultant ★ Photographer ★ Civil engineer ★ Therapeutic radiographer ★  
★ Game programmer ★ New furniture product developer ★ Leisure team member ★  
★ Arts therapist ★ Nuclear scientist ★ Food technologist ★ Curator ★ Accountant ★