

Expectations



When I grow up...

Will your child be a doctor? A lawyer? A rock star?

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Sociologists and psychologists tell us that personality traits are formed and established extremely early in life. Indeed, recent studies suggest that even a person's eventual occupation can be traced to the characteristics he or she

demonstrated as an infant or young child. Here's a list of professions and behaviors seen in childhood.

Lawyer Complains incessantly and insists on always getting his or her own way.

Doctor Manifests consuming interest in body parts.

Nurse Manifests low opinion of doctors.

Plumber Spends inordinate amount of time on toilet, accomplishing surprisingly little.

Used Car Salesman Attempts to trade broken toys to playmates.

Professional Golfer Performs well in sand; often displays strong aversion to water.

Politician Promises to do things and then denies ever making such promises.

Advertising Executive Persuades parents to buy things they have absolutely no need for.

Concert Pianist Is fascinated by the sound of keys.

Member of Congress Bounces things with regularity.

Taxi Driver Navigates environment at excessive speed while yelling unintelligibly.

Aerobics Instructor Jumps, gyrates and spins in ways few adults are physically

able to emulate.

Rock Star Screams and yells in front of others; opposes having hair cut; is intrigued by flashing lights; has little or no musical training.

I.R.S. Agent Routinely takes possession of others, providing virtually nothing in return.

Chiropractor Attempts to adjust bones of playmates on occasion.

Computer Programmer Content to stare at screen all day.

Archeologist Willingly immerses self in muddy terrain without regard to wardrobe damage.

Sommelier Specializes in whines.

Interior Designer Advocates use of hand-painted wall decorations; adept at rearranging furniture.

Receptionist Smiles when visitors arrive; has difficulty reporting phone messages accurately.

Gossip Columnist Relishes telling all who will listen the new things he or she has learned.

Public Relations Consultant Is sensitive to the effects of rash activity.

Psychiatrist Believes that everything can be blamed on mother.

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