

What is an apprenticeship?

Lesson 2C: What is an apprenticeship? (45mins)

Activity	Teaching Notes	Resources
Introduce the Session	Download and set up the PowerPoint. Using Slide 2 let the pupils know that today you will be learning more about apprenticeships. Remind the pupils of the previous lessons and that doing an apprenticeship was one of the pathways you discussed.	PowerPoint
Group Activity	<p>Divide the pupils into groups of 4-6. Using the PowerPoint tell the pupils that they will be taking part in a group activity. There are two ways to run this activity, either ask each group to look at all the questions or give each group one question to consider and feedback to the rest of the class. Remind them that this is not about being right or wrong but rather what they think the answer is. Depending on the timeframe you could ask the pupils to note down bullet points or create a mind map or ask them to do a group poster of their ideas. When the pupils finish the activity go over each question as a class. If you split the questions up between different groups, start by asking the group to feedback and present their ideas and then open the discussion to the rest of the class. Use the PowerPoint to go over the activity. Below are some of the main points you would want to cover for each question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do you do an apprenticeship? <p>In this section you want cover the fact that you can do an apprenticeship in lots of different places. Depending on the type of apprenticeship, you will be working in your chosen career and training in either a university, college or through your employer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who becomes an apprentice? 	PowerPoint Paper/Pens

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The pupils may come up with lots of different answers, but you will want to highlight to them that everyone can do an apprenticeship if that is what they want to do. Like university or college, there are qualifications they will need to get in school but if that is what they want to do anyone in the class can do one!

- **Why do people do apprenticeships?**

Give the pupils a chance to feedback and go over the answers using slide 6. The reasons are similar to going to college or university with the addition of wanting to earn while you study and building skills. Highlight that the unique thing about doing an apprenticeship is that you learn and train while you are working. You are learning on the job.

- **What do you do as an apprentice?**

Again, this list is similar to the ones looking at college or university, but in addition you will become an employee and will be working. You will still be training and learning, and depending on the type of apprenticeship you might be at college or university.

- **What type of apprenticeships are there?**

This can be quite a challenging question for pupils so you may want to leave this one and cover it together as a group. On slide 8 you have the three types of apprenticeships written out, go over each one and let the pupils know the differences:

- 1. Foundation Apprenticeships**

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	<p>This is a qualification that you would do in S5/6 alongside your school subjects. Over 1 or 2 years you will spend one day a week with a company gaining work experience and gain a qualification which you can use to get into university or college or go onto a Modern Apprenticeship.</p> <p>2. Modern Apprenticeships</p> <p>Doing a Modern Apprenticeship, you learn while you are in full time employment. As part of your apprenticeship you may spend days at college or taking part in specifically designed training courses that relate to your job. You also gain a recognised qualification.</p> <p>3. Graduate Apprenticeships</p> <p>Doing a Graduate Apprenticeship you will be working and getting paid while also studying towards a degree at a college or university. Your work will count towards you achieving your qualification and you will gain work experience in your job while you study. Doing a Graduate Apprenticeship, you will be employed but also a college/university student.</p> <p>If you have access to IT you can go onto My World of Work and look up each of the three different types. There are links in the notes section of the PowerPoint which provide more information on each of the three types of apprenticeships.</p>	
Summarise	Summarise the activity and let the pupils know that you will continue to look at this topic in the coming days/weeks and that next you are going to look at picking the right pathway for you. Check the Lesson Plan for this lesson for follow up activities.	PowerPoint