

Careers: Zoo Jobs

What careers are out there and what is involved?

Year 10-11

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All students** will know there are a variety of job roles within zoos (not just zookeeping) and that these jobs require different skills and qualifications
- ✓ **Most students** will understand how to gain the skills and qualifications required
- ✓ **Some students** will be able to visualise specific career paths to their desired role

Session Outline:

The session covers diverse zoo jobs, focusing on conservation, visitor services, and animal care. It details the zookeeper role and required qualifications, explores entry-level positions in catering, admissions, and retail, and examines the role of a wildlife biologist. The session concludes with job search tips, CV advice, and volunteering opportunities. Recorded interviews with Colchester Zoo staff highlight various roles.



Curriculum Links

Variety of jobs in the zoo industry

Qualifications and skills required

Job roles

Suggestions of how to obtain experience

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