



Applying for an Apprenticeship Lesson plan


This lesson plan will help support students with applying for an apprenticeship, including looking for an apprenticeship and completing their application.

Please note that this lesson can be adapted for your learners, including timings and activities.

Area of Focus	Applying for an Apprenticeship
Time needed	45 minutes
Suitable for	KS4 and KS5
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand what an apprenticeship is • To understand where to look for apprenticeship opportunities • To understand how to complete an application for an apprenticeship
Resources Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation • Example Job Advert/Person Specification for a L3 Activity Leader • Youth Employment UK's free Explore Apprenticeships Course (optional) • Youth Employment UK's Apprenticeship Finder (optional)
Curriculum Links	Gatsby Benchmarks - 2 CDI Framework - 1, 2, 3



Timing guidance	Slide Number	Tasks/content descriptions
5 minutes 	Slide 2	<p>Go through the aims of the session.</p> <p>Starter/Arrival activity:</p> <p>Ask students to tell their partner 3 things they want to know about apprenticeships by the end of the lesson.</p> 
Main Activity Task		
3 Minutes	Slide 3	<p>Talk through what an apprenticeship is with your students, and the different types available.</p> <p><i>Question Opportunity - What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?</i></p> 
5 minutes	Slides 4 - 5	<p>Finding an Apprenticeship</p> <p>Talk through the different options that young people have to find an apprenticeship, including GOV.UK'S Find an Apprenticeship, Youth Employment UK Apprenticeship Finder, employer websites, training provider websites, UCAS Apprenticeship Finder, and job boards.</p> <p><i>Optional - Demo using the GOV.UK Find an Apprenticeship site and Youth Employment UK's Apprenticeship Finder</i></p>
7 minutes	Slides 6 - 8	<p>Applying for an Apprenticeship</p> <p>Talk through information on how to apply for an apprenticeship</p>

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15 minutes 	Slide 9 - 10	<p>15 minute activity:</p> <p>Share print outs for a L3 Activity Leader Apprenticeship advert. For the first 10 minutes, ask students to read through and highlight what skills and qualities this employer is looking for based on the information in the advert.</p> <p>For the final 5 minutes, share their thoughts and compare with the skills highlighted on slide 11.</p>
5 Minutes	Slides 11 - 12	<p>Applying for an apprenticeship</p> <p>Talk through key points students should consider when applying for an apprenticeship.</p>
2 minutes	Slide 13	<p>Share top tips with students for applying for an apprenticeship</p>
2 minutes	Slide 14	<p>Next Step</p> <p>Talk through information on preparing for an interview or assessment centre as part of the recruitment process.</p>
1 minute	Slide 14	<p>Ask students to reflect on today's learning objectives</p>



Extension or follow up tasks:

- Students can register for free and start Youth Employment UK's free [Explore Apprenticeships Course](#) to find out more about apprenticeships
- Students can explore apprenticeship opportunities near them on Youth Employment UK's [Apprenticeship Finder](#)

Teacher Notes

Further useful resources

- Find an inspiring speaker to come and talk to your students - <https://www.educationandemployers.org/schools/>
- Work with your enterprise adviser to develop your business links in schools - <https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/>

Final Notes

You are welcome to share this lesson plan and Youth Employment UK resources with other colleagues.



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Applying for an Apprenticeship Activity

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We have you covered with fun, sociable and fulfilling experiences through our L3 Apprenticeship Program.

What You'll Be Doing

- Delivering a variety of high-adrenaline outdoor activities using a range of specialist equipment
- Learn how to design and run your own sessions
- Undertake various external National Governing body (NGB) qualifications
- Deliver entertainment sessions and provide fun and exhilarating experiences
- Ensure all equipment and safety checks are conducted in line with company procedures
- Ensure compliance with company H&S policy
- Understand and comply with the Company's Safeguarding Policy
- Support with centre projects

Qualifications Required

- English GCSE at level 3 or grade D
- Maths GCSE at level 3 or grade D
- OR
- NVQ or SVQ Functional Skills Level 1 or equivalent English (Grade Level 1)
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- (If you do not have this, please get in touch to discuss how to get this before done, ready for the start of the course)

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