

Be an Explorer to Find Your Child's Strong Points

In what areas does your child feel accomplished? Have you ever felt nervous because he or she doesn't stand out in any area yet? The process of finding the talents and strengths of your children is like a treasure hunt. When you go out looking for it with excitement, the joy of discovery will be greater.

Find achievement, joy, and satisfaction from the experiences of your children

Just as the flowers from the same root bloom at different times, there are students who have excelled in a field early on, and there are students who are just starting to learn about their strengths. If your children are the latter, guide them to record everything that they remember from their birth until now. Ask them what the most rewarding or satisfying experience was. If they think carefully about the answers to these questions, they will realize what their strengths are.



Listen, see, and experience, the preparation to discover strengths

If your middle school child is struggling in the process of finding their strengths, guide them to gain experience in various areas. Through various methods, such as media, books, cultural facility tours, and career experiences, children can explore the field where they will achieve and feel rewarded. The more they see, listen, and experience, the better they will understand their strengths.

The questions to find "strengths," your child's treasures

- What are the activities that you're most confident in now?
- What are some of the experiences in which you excelled?
- Which activity gave you the most enjoyment and satisfaction?
- What aspect of yourself are you most proud of now?



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Finding your child's strengths through a test

Identifying the strengths of your children can maximize their potential. There are tests that help you look more closely at your child. They are the "occupational aptitude test" and the "career interest test" from Career Net. Encourage your children to take the test and understand themselves better.

Career Net (career.go.kr) > Career Psychological Tests > For middle and high school students



Learn About Your Children's Career Path With a Mind Map

What do friends and people around you usually say about your children? When do your children feel the happiest? Make a mind map of the times you spent with your children. You will find your children's strengths hidden like a treasure in the woods.

**Activities that you're most confident in
(what you're good at)**

Ex) Drawing people or things, for example, or designing a building from
imagination

**Activities that you're the most satisfied with
(what you like)**

Ex) Collecting one-of-a-kind posters, watching independent films

What kind of person is your child?

A recent activity that brought you the most joy

Ex) Making a video with friends

What people often tell you

Ex) Draws pictures well, has a good imagination



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Understanding your child through a mind map

After completing the mind map, put together various characteristics of your children to help them understand themselves and explore careers. There may be characteristics that are different and those that are similar. Summarize the various aspects of your children's lives and think with your children about which career can be linked to them. It will be an opportunity to help ease your children's minds if they were confused by career concerns.