

Exercise 7.2

Your Human Capital

People accumulate human capital all their lives. We are born with our own God-given talents and we may improve them with training and practice. We learn in school and through experience.

Put a check mark in the box next to any type of human capital you currently have.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Good at math.	
Good reader	
Good at organizing	
Good at helping other people	
Good at finding information in a computer or library	
Good at coming up with ideas	
Good at drawing.	
Good writer.	
Good at acting, dancing, singing, or playing an instrument	
Good at fixing things	
Good at working with animals	
Good at acting, dancing, singing, or playing an instrument	
Good at sports	
Good at growing plants	
List 3 other types of human capital you have.	

Put a check mark in the box next to anything you have done or currently do that improves your human capital:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Take music or dance lessons	
Sing in a choir or chorus or play in a band	
Go to sports practice or play on a team	
Check out books to read from the library	
Teach yourself how to do things on the computer	
Build models	
Study and do homework	
Take summer school classes	
Learn how to do things from my parents, brothers & sisters, or other family members	
Help my parents with tasks in our home	
Work for a volunteer organization	
Try new activities to see if I am good at them	
Read magazines or newspapers	
Watch educational shows on TV	
List 3 other things you do that are investments in your human capital.	

Look at your answers. You have human capital!

What occupations do you think you might like, that would be a good match to your human capital?

How might you start investing in your human capital to prepare yourself for this job?