

Specialties in Psychology

Part A.

Study the following chart. Use the information to help you complete part B.

Field	Definition	Research or Applied	Workplace
Clinical	works with diagnosis and treatment of disorders	Both	universities, hospitals, private practice, drug rehab
Community	develops and presents programs to help maintain mental health	Applied	educational settings, community mental health centers
Counseling	works with people who exhibit trouble coping with everyday problems	Applied	educational settings, clinics, private practice, hospitals
Developmental	studies the maturation process	Research	universities, government-funded programs
Experimental	studies any mental psychological issue	Research	laboratory settings
Industrial/organizational	works with psychological issues that are related to business	Both	government, private business, universities
Educational	studies issues related to how people learn	Research	universities, government-funded programs
School	works to overcome educational difficulties	Applied	elementary, middle, and secondary schools
Social	studies how society influences the individual	Research	universities

The Work of Psychologists

Answer the following questions. Base your responses on your prior knowledge or experience. Be prepared for class discussion.

1. What kind of work do psychologists do?
2. Where do psychologists work?
3. Who does research in psychology?
4. Are there any special fields in psychology? If so, what are they?
5. What is the difference between a psychologist and a psychiatrist?
6. What is the difference between a school guidance counselor and a psychologist?

Part B.

For each of the descriptions of the work of psychologists listed below, identify the specialty it describes. Refer to the chart in part A.

1. Tests children for learning disabilities
2. Counsels a couple considering divorce
3. Presents a program at the local hospital for expectant parents
4. Treats an individual who is depressed
5. Designs a more efficient work space for a small company
6. Conducts research on the effect of prejudice on newly-arrived immigrants
7. Studies the emotional changes that occur as a child matures
8. Conducts research on when a child can most effectively learn a second language
9. Studies the effect of light and dark environments on the visual abilities of kittens
10. Studies the causes of manic depression

