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Snackable Careers

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Directions:

Using the article "Why Choose a Career in Food and Beverage Processing?" (<https://www.agcareers.com/ag-and-food-career-guide/2025/US/25/>), complete the activity below.

Pre-Reading

Answer these questions before reading the article.

1. Name an example you've seen that shows the food and beverage industry is trying to make food safer .	2. Name an example you've seen that shows the food and beverage industry is trying to make food healthier .	3. Name an example you've seen that shows the food and beverage industry is trying to make food better for the planet .

Post-Reading

Answer these questions after reading the article.

1. List three different types of careers mentioned in the article and describe what someone in that role does. a. b. c.
2. How does the industry allow employees to change roles as they gain experience?
3. What are two examples of innovations or sustainability efforts currently happening in the food and beverage industry? a. b.
4. Why are food scientists and product developers described as "food superheroes"?

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5. Identify three benefits (not salary) that food and beverage processing careers can offer.

- a.
- b.
- c.

6. What resources or platforms are available to help students learn about and connect with professionals in the food and beverage industry?

7. Which career path mentioned in the article interests you the most? Why?

8. How do you think the food and beverage industry connects to agriculture as a whole?

Dig Deeper

The article names a podcast called *That's a Food Job!* where professionals share their stories and paths into the food and beverage industry. Visit the podcast's website and choose an episode to listen to: <https://foodgrads.com/the-foodgrads-podcast/>. While listening to the episode, track the guest's career journey, key takeaways and personal reflections below.

Guest Background

- Who is the guest?
- What is their job title or role?
- How did they first get into the food and beverage industry?

Career Path and Skills

- What steps did the guest take to get to where they are now?
- What skills or experiences do they say were most important?

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Industry Insights

- What trends, challenges or opportunities in the food and beverage industry does the guest mention?
- What is a surprising or fun story that the guest shared?

Advice for Students

- What advice does the guest give to young people who want to join the industry?

1. What part of the guest's story inspires you the most? Explain.
2. If you could follow in this person's footsteps, what would be your first step right now as a high school student?
3. What are two takeaways from this podcast episode that you can apply to your own career exploration journey?