



## Sparks Exploration Activity

Before you begin to explore a spark, take a few minutes to see what's out there.

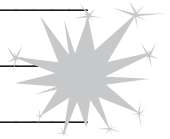
Here is a list of all kinds of wonderful things that people can do during their lives—to help you imagine possibilities to explore. Check the ones that sound interesting, and then answer the questions on the next page.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a dog rescued from a puppy mill            | <input type="checkbox"/> Do scientific experiments with chemicals     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Start my own business                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Compete in the national spelling bee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride on the space shuttle                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bake a perfect apple pie                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn to do the latest dance steps               | <input type="checkbox"/> Be president of something                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create a new video game                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Raise money to help feed hungry people       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get a bad law changed                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Compete in the Olympics                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write the lyrics to a popular song               | <input type="checkbox"/> Climb a mountain                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Read every book written by my favorite author    | <input type="checkbox"/> Discover a cure for cancer                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build a hideaway in the woods                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a set of maps for the whole world       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be captain of a sports team                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Start lifting weights                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Edit a fashion magazine                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep a journal for a full year               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grow my own fruits and vegetables                | <input type="checkbox"/> Do color commentary for a TV soccer match    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own a '57 Chevy with a two-tone turquoise finish | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a tour of a perfume factory             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride a horse on a beach in Costa Rica            | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at an elephant sanctuary in Africa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn a foreign language                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Have one of my paintings hang in a museum    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel to all 50 United States                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Invent a new use for the Internet            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach in an inner-city school                    |   |



Write in four of the possibilities you checked off on the previous page.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_



Now look over this list of popular categories of sparks:

- Animals (raising them, training them, caring for them)
- Creative arts (music, painting, writing, dance)
- Teaching and learning (a sport, a subject, a skill)
- Sports and athletics
- Businesses, making things and selling them
- Nature, ecology, outdoor life
- Building, designing
- Leadership (student government, captain of team)
- Helping and volunteering
- Mechanics, computers

Do any of your chosen possibilities fit into one of the popular categories of sparks?

If yes, can you think of other interesting ideas in that same category of sparks?

Did looking at the list of possibilities make you think of other possibilities that are not on the list? If yes, write them here!

**Congratulations! You've begun to explore your sparks!**