

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

**TO TEACH OR NOT TO TEACH**

Working with young children requires special skills. Below is a list of some of the unique tasks related to being a child care giver. Circle those tasks you enjoy doing.

1. Talking to adults you don't know very well.
2. Reading stories.
3. Getting a squirmy child to sleep.
4. Helping a sad child feel better.
5. Singing with and teaching songs to children.
6. Making lesson plans.
7. Making simple art projects.
8. Reading books and articles about children and their development.
9. Going on field trips--as a chaperone, not a student.
10. Telling puppet stories.
11. Cleaning up all sorts of spills.
12. Dealing with temper tantrums.
13. Planning parties for the holidays.
14. Preparing nutritious snacks and meals.
15. Observing children and evaluating their behavior.
16. Can cope with a child that keeps asking you the same question.
17. Settling arguments over who had a toy first.
18. Changing diapers.
19. Cleaning up accidents.
20. Rearranging rooms.
21. Working with other teachers who may not think like you do.
22. Putting in many hours of preparation time before the job begins.

Do you enjoy most of these tasks? If you have not circled most of the jobs listed above, you may want to re-think a decision to work with small children. This is extremely demanding, but rewarding work. Just be prepared for the many unusual situations you may encounter.

In the space below, explain why you think you would or would not be a quality child care provider.