A typical career dilemma is choosing what to do in life when you don’t even know what’s out there. Each year, this predicament leaves thousands of students and graduates completely stumped, but the solution is actually far simpler than you may think: you just need to calmly and systematically research your options using a variety of external resources.

*The Graduate Career Guidebook* outlines numerous ways to help you sift through all the possible careers in order to find a shortlist that suits your personal skills, interests and motivations. You can use these strategies to identify twenty possible roles in the exercise below.

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| **Self-assessment: Identifying possible career options**Use the strategies on pages 37-39 of *The Graduate Career Guidebook* to come up with a wide variety of exciting occupations.

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| **Twenty possible careers** |
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| **Reflecting on your answers:** The fundamental question here is, have you taken your time? Make sure you have access to a number of resources – there’ll be something brilliant out there for you, but you have to look! |