Student Worksheet: Creating My Personal Long-Term Career Map

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# Step 1: Define Your Vision

Ask yourself:

* *Where do I see myself in 5 years?*
* *Where do I see myself in 10 years?*
* Think both professionally (**job title, field, achievements**) and personally (**lifestyle, location, work-life balance**).

👉 Example:

* 5 years → Marketing Manager in an international company.
* 10 years → Marketing Director, leading strategy across regions.

# Step 2: Break it into Milestones

Divide the journey into **short-term, mid-term, and long-term** goals:

* **0–2 years (short-term):** Skills, education, first job/role.
* **3–5 years (mid-term):** Promotions, specialization, leadership experience.
* **6–10 years (long-term):** Senior roles, thought leadership, entrepreneurship, or pivot.

# Step 3: Identify Skills & Knowledge Needed

For each milestone, list the **skills, certifications, and experiences** you’ll need.

* Technical (hard skills).
* Soft skills (leadership, communication, networking).
* Credentials (Masters, PhD, certifications, languages).

# Step 4: Map Opportunities & Resources

Ask:

* What kind of **jobs, internships, or projects** will get me there?
* Who can support me (mentors, professional networks, colleagues)?
* What resources (courses, conferences, volunteering, side projects) should I use?

# Step 5: Anticipate Challenges

Think about possible barriers (time, finances, confidence, competition) and plan how to **overcome them**.

# Step 6: Write It Out Visually

Draw your own Map using this **Table/Chart:** Year vs Goals vs Skills vs Actions vs Challenges.

My Career Map

| **Timeframe**  **(years)** | **Career Goal** | **Skills to Build** | **Actions / Steps** | **Challenges to overcome** |
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