



## **MATH ACTIVITIES**

## CAREER CONNECTION

Are you a good communicator? If you enjoy writing, there are jobs in technical writing, editing, publishing, marketing, and communications. In these jobs, you will also need to be able to analyze data, and communicate information, in a way others can easily understand.

## Digital Citizenship

How many days of your life will you spend on social media?

Fermi problems require you to make a quick estimate of a quantity that seems difficult or impossible to determine precisely. They were named after Enrico Ferm, the Italian physicist who used this problem solving method to predict how atoms would work long before scientists had the technology to actually see atoms. Fermi problems emphasize the process of solving problems over getting the exact answer.

## STEPS IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS

- 1. What is the question asking you to do?
- 2. Make a wild guess!
- 3. Make an educated guess using a line of reasoning and calculations based on your experiences and estimations.
- 4. Gather data to help you make a better educated guess. This includes performing experiments, measuring, and searching for data to help your make a more precise estimate.
- 5. Write a conclusion. State your final answer with possible sources of error. List facts your learned and other questions you still have.

