

How to read your teen's MajorMatch results — and what to do this week

Counselor voice, not hype. Your teen finished a free adaptive assessment (~15–25 minutes) and saw a **top-3 sample**. That shortlist is useful. It is not yet a four-year plan. Use this page to turn results into a calm, decision-quality conversation.

Product truth: Free assessment → top-3 sample → optional **\$29 Pathfinder** (one-time full report + PDF). Not a 4-minute quiz. Not a subscription.

1. What the top 3 actually means

- **Rank is a shortlist, not destiny.** Treat #1–#3 as equals worth researching unless the gap is clearly large.
- **Ability + interest + persistence** drove the match — not a mood quiz or a personality label.
- **“Close scores”** mean: do not force a winner this week. Compare coursework, careers, and cost instead.
- **A surprising major** is a data point. Ask *why it fit* before dismissing it.

2. Questions that raise decision quality

- Which of these three would you still choose if a friend laughed at it?
- What work in each field looks like on a Tuesday — not the brochure?
- Which path needs the most persistence from *you*, not just interest?
- If we are wrong, how expensive is a switch (time + tuition + delayed start)?
- What would a counselor need from us this month to advise well?

3. This week's plan (60–90 minutes total)

- **Day 1 (20 min):** Teen explains each of the top 3 in their own words. Parent listens; no veto yet.
- **Day 2 (20–30 min):** Open the free **Tree of Knowledge** together. Find each shortlisted major, open related careers and pay context. Link: <https://majormatch.us/blog/major-galaxy/>
- **Day 3 (20 min):** Cross out one major for a concrete reason (course load, career mismatch, values) — or keep all three if the data is close.
- **Before counselor / campus visit:** If you want the full reasoning, paths to avoid, state colleges with tuition, and a shareable PDF, unlock **Pathfinder (\$29 one-time)** from the results page.

4. When Pathfinder is worth \$29

- You need **full “why this fits”** write-ups beyond the free sample.
- You want **paths to avoid** — specific gaps, not vibes.
- You want a **PDF for a counselor** or family meeting.

5. Start / continue here

Wrong-major cost is mostly **extra time and tuition** — the expensive outcome is not “picking imperfectly,” it is drifting without a shared plan.

Take / reopen the free assessment

- You want **careers + state colleges** with tuition context in one place.

Skip Pathfinder if the free top 3 already settled the argument and you only need the Tree for exploration.

Open Tree of Knowledge

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