

# 6th-8th Grade Talking Tips

## Share Your Career Story (with online activity).

2023-24 School Year

Guest speaker and teacher—review this document prior to the classroom visit.  
Strive to be casual and authentic with middle school students.

Hi everyone. My name's \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm here to tell you how I came to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Business Owner, Manager, Technician, Volunteer, Mayor, City Council Member, etc.*

But first, let's play a round of: **Tell Me Something I Don't Know!** Allow 20 minutes and make sure the teacher has secured a soft object (like a ball) to toss around. 😊

Begin at AlaskanOwned.com's Community (Links) page. Have each student (or teams due to class size) call out a website to browse for 5 minutes. Ask them to search for an intriguing or surprising fact. Skip the Regional News section?

Make a circle and gently toss the object to the first student. That student quickly names the link they studied, shares their fact, then takes a step backward. The object is tossed to the next student, etc. Pace of the activity is determined by class size.

LESSON: There's always something new to learn. Find legitimate sources and be curious. Maintain the circle if it's comfortable to share *some* of your career story.

1. **Highlight** your first relevant job (paid or unpaid). What age were you? Interesting details?
2. **Share** extracurricular activities you participated in during middle and high school.
3. **Explain** why you chose a specific path: College, Military, On-The-Job training, etc.?
4. **Share** how you came to be in your current role. Any unusual twists or turns? Offer a brief description of the primary components of your position.
5. **Ask** for questions.

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