My Network
(Couture, 2010)

The term network refers to all the connections you have with people and information. Networking is the way most people find jobs. And networking is not difficult. You already know many people. The people you know also know many people. These people are all part of your network.

The people in your network can help you gather career information and even help to get you a job. The people in your network can also serve as a reference for you.

When searching for a job, for example, you can ask the people in your network if they know of any job openings. You can also ask the people in your network if they know of someone else that can give you career information. Some people may tell you that they don’t know anyone who can help you. They’re probably thinking only in terms of people who could actually give you a job. Explain to them what you are looking for. A person may not know anyone who can help you directly, but they may know someone who knows someone else who can help you.

While you explore your career choices you may meet new people you can add to your network (like those you conducted informational interviews with in the last unit).

The following is an example of the kinds of people in a person’s network:
Now it’s your turn. Record information about your own network on the figure below. Add more pages if you need to. Use actual names of people wherever possible.