

Soft Skills in Action

SUBJECT: Life Skills

SUMMARY: Hard skills are defined as skills you need to be taught to do - how to make a Dutch Bros Rebel or change the oil in a car. Soft skills are positive character qualities/skills that you practice and improve upon in all areas of life: **collaboration, critical thinking, leadership, initiative, etc.**
No doubt about it, future employers will be looking for applicants with excellent soft skills.

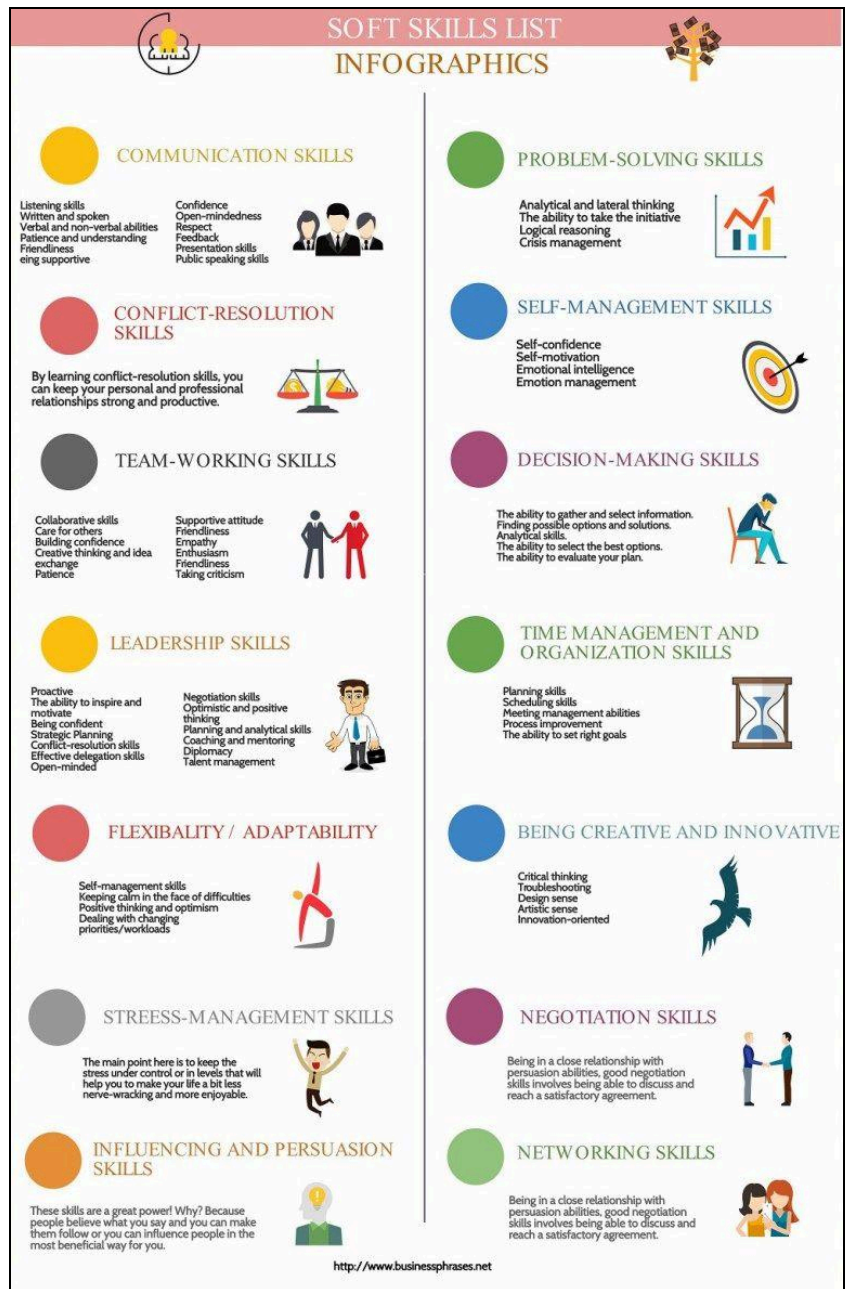
MATERIALS NEEDED: Online device and/or pencil/paper/an additional person

DIRECTIONS: Watch this short video regarding soft skills: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nBgcoZBuiQ>

Consider this Infographic and the many soft skills we rehearse daily.

1. Think about a job/task you need to do - classwork, a home chore, or passion project, etc. and identify at least three soft skills you will focus on improving as you complete the activity.
2. Reflect in writing or with an adult which skills you exercised and perhaps how your approach may have changed when you focused on practicing these skills and their impact on your future.

FOR EXAMPLE: In creating this lesson, I practiced self-management and time management/organizational skills to complete a quality product on time. I utilized communication, negotiation, flexibility (spelled wrong on the graphic by the way :/), and team-work skills when collaborating with other elective teachers regarding who would take responsibility for which lessons for our Catflix site. Finally, I exercised leadership and creativity in suggesting ideas and coordinating strategies for how to roll out Distance Learning activities for our Enrichment Team.



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