

# Teacher Handout: Mini Lesson – Introduction to Employability Skills

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## Objective

Students will understand what employability skills are, recognize examples, and explain why they are essential for success at work and in life.

## Preparation

- Write 'Employability Skills' on the board or display a slide.
- Have a short hook or scenario ready.
- Prepare sticky notes or markers if you want to do a quick brainstorm.

## Script & Talking Points

### 1. Hook (1–2 min)

Ask: 'What makes someone a great employee or coworker?' Take a few quick answers.

### 2. Define (2–3 min)

Say: 'Employability skills are the skills and qualities that help you get a job, keep a job, and do well at a job.'

Add: 'They're sometimes called soft skills — like teamwork, communication, responsibility, and problem-solving.'

Show examples on the board.

### 3. Real-Life Example (2 min)

Share: 'Two people know how to run the cash register. One always shows up on time, is friendly, and solves problems calmly — who gets promoted?'

Ask students for similar examples if time allows.

### 4. Connect (1 min)

Wrap up: 'Today, we'll look closer at what these skills are, why they matter, and which ones you already have.'

## Tips

- Keep it simple and upbeat.
- Use real-world examples students can relate to.
- Connect this mini lesson to the activities that follow.