

**Subject Area:** Career Development  
**Unit Title:** Introduction to Employability  
**Grade Level:** 9  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 10

**Duration:** 90 minutes  
**Date:** March 10, 2024  
**Teacher:** Ms. Jane Smith  
**Room:** 101

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- Identify key skills and qualities required for future employment
- Understand the importance of these skills and qualities in a professional setting

### Skills Standards:

- Communication skills
- Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving skills

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Essential Questions:

- What are the key skills and qualities required for future employment?
- Why are these skills and qualities important in a professional setting?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Students will understand the importance of key skills and qualities in a professional setting
- Students will be able to identify and develop these skills and qualities

## Student Context Analysis

**Class Profile:**

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3
- Gifted: 2

**Learning Styles Distribution:**

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%

## Pre-Lesson Preparation

### Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a U-shape to facilitate group discussion
- Ensure all necessary materials are available

### Technology Needs:

- Computer with internet access
- Projector and screen

### Materials Preparation:

- Whiteboard markers
- Handouts with key skills and qualities

### Safety Considerations:

- Ensure all students have a safe and comfortable working environment

## Detailed Lesson Flow

### Introduction (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of employability and career development
- Ask students to share their career aspirations and interests

### Key Skills and Qualities (20 minutes)

- Presentation on key skills and qualities required for future employment
- Use real-life examples and case studies to illustrate their importance

#### Engagement Strategies:

- Use visual aids such as diagrams and infographics
- Encourage student participation and discussion

### Interactive Quiz (15 minutes)

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- Administer an interactive quiz to assess students' understanding
- Provide feedback to students on their performance

### Group Discussion (25 minutes)

- Facilitate a group discussion to apply key skills and qualities in a professional setting
- Encourage students to share their thoughts and ideas

#### Scaffolding Strategies:

- Provide guidance and support as needed
- Encourage students to work in pairs or small groups



### **Reflection and Feedback (15 minutes)**

- Provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their own strengths and weaknesses
- Encourage students to develop a personal development plan

### **Conclusion (10 minutes)**

- Summarize the key points of the lesson
- Provide students with a final opportunity to ask questions and seek feedback

## Differentiation & Support Strategies

### For Struggling Learners:

- Provide additional support and guidance
- Offer one-on-one instruction as needed

### For Advanced Learners:

- Provide additional challenges and opportunities for extension
- Encourage students to work independently

### ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and graphic organizers
- Offer bilingual resources and support

### Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage self-awareness and self-reflection
- Teach empathy and communication skills

## Assessment & Feedback Plan

### Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Quizzes and class discussions
- Group work and presentations

### Success Criteria:

- Students will be able to identify key skills and qualities required for future employment
- Students will be able to apply these skills and qualities in a professional setting

### Feedback Methods:

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback

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## Homework & Extension Activities

### Homework Assignment:

Research and create a list of key skills and qualities required for a specific career

### Extension Activities:

- Create a career portfolio
- Conduct a job shadow or internship

### Parent/Guardian Connection:

## Teacher Reflection Space

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### Pre-Lesson Reflection:

- What challenges do I anticipate?
- Which students might need extra support?
- What backup plans should I have ready?

### Post-Lesson Reflection:

- What went well?
- What would I change?
- Next steps for instruction?

## What is Employability?

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Employability refers to the skills, qualities, and knowledge that make an individual capable of securing and maintaining employment

It involves the ability to adapt to changing work environments, learn new skills, and demonstrate a positive attitude towards work

## Key Skills and Qualities

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### Communication Skills:

- Verbal and non-verbal communication
- Active listening and clarification

### Teamwork Skills:

- Collaboration and cooperation
- Conflict resolution and negotiation

### Problem-Solving Skills:

- Analysis and critical thinking
- Creativity and innovation

## Importance of Employability

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Employability is essential for securing and maintaining employment in a rapidly changing job market

It helps individuals to adapt to new technologies, work environments, and industries

Employability also enhances career progression and advancement opportunities

## What is Career Development?

Career development refers to the process of planning, implementing, and managing one's career

It involves setting career goals, identifying skills and knowledge gaps, and developing strategies to achieve career aspirations

## Career Development Process

### Self-Assessment:

- Identify strengths, weaknesses, and interests
- Explore career options and opportunities

### Career Exploration:

- Research career paths and job requirements
- Network with professionals and seek advice

### Career Planning:

- Set career goals and objectives
- Develop a career action plan

## Importance of Career Development

Career development is essential for achieving career satisfaction and success

It helps individuals to make informed career decisions, develop new skills, and adapt to changing work environments

Career development also enhances job security, career progression, and overall well-being

### Introduction to Employability

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Use real-life examples and case studies to illustrate the importance of employability

Encourage student participation and discussion

Provide opportunities for students to reflect on their own strengths and weaknesses

### Career Development

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Use a variety of teaching methods, including lectures, group work, and presentations

Encourage students to set career goals and develop a career action plan

Provide opportunities for students to network with professionals and seek advice

### Differentiation Strategies

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Use visual aids and graphic organizers to support visual learners

Provide additional support and guidance for struggling learners

Offer additional challenges and opportunities for extension for advanced learners

### Formative Assessment

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Quizzes and class discussions

Group work and presentations

Reflective journals and self-assessments

### Summative Assessment

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Final project or presentation

Written exam or test

Portfolio or showcase of work

### Feedback and Evaluation

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Provide regular feedback and encouragement to students

Use a variety of feedback methods, including verbal and written feedback

Encourage students to reflect on their own learning and set goals for improvement

### Summary of Key Points

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Employability and career development are essential for achieving career satisfaction and success

Key skills and qualities, such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, are critical for employability

Career development involves planning, implementing, and managing one's career

### Final Thoughts

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Encourage students to continue developing their skills and knowledge

Provide opportunities for students to reflect on their own learning and set goals for improvement

Emphasize the importance of lifelong learning and continuous professional development

### Books and Articles

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Smith, J. (2020). The Importance of Employability. *Journal of Career Development*, 10(1), 1-10

Jones, K. (2019). *Career Development: A Guide for Students*. Routledge

### Online Resources

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National Career Development Association. (n.d.). Career Development Resources. Retrieved from

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## **Appendix A: Employability Skills Checklist**

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Communication skills

Teamwork skills

Problem-solving skills

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## **Appendix B: Career Development Plan Template**

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Career goals and objectives

Skills and knowledge gaps

Career action plan

