

Middle School Employability Skills Alternative Scenarios

Directions:

1. Print and cut scenario cards
2. Choose activity method for learning vocabulary words

5-minute icebreaker activity

1. Begin class with a quick, five-minute scenario challenge by choosing one scenario and reading it to the class. You can also show it on a document projector.
2. Get students into small groups to discuss the scenario and its question.
3. Have the class come back together and share answers to the scenario question.

Journaling activity

1. Choose a scenario card.
2. Use the card as a journal-writing prompt and have students answer the scenario question in writing.

Middle School Employability Skills
Time Management

It is Thursday evening and you realize you have a science project due tomorrow, math homework to finish, and a big soccer game in the morning. You also promised your friend you would help them practice for the talent show tonight. You are starting to feel overwhelmed.

Middle School Employability Skills
Communication

You are working with a group on a class project, but no one is talking about what needs to get done. It is the night before the deadline.

Middle School Employability Skills
Problem-Solving

You forgot your lunch at home, and your friend forgot theirs too. You only have a few dollars.

Middle School Employability Skills
Interpersonal Skills

A classmate you do not usually talk to joins your group. They seem shy and left out.

What would you do to get everyone on the same page?

What would you do to manage your time?

What would you do to include them and make them feel comfortable?

How would you solve this problem so both of you could eat?

Middle School Employability Skills
Responsibility

Your teacher lets you grade your own quiz. You notice you marked one wrong answer as right.

Middle School Employability Skills
Teamwork

Your group has four jobs to do, but everyone wants to do the same task.

Middle School Employability Skills
Work Ethic

You are tired after practice, but you still have homework.

Middle School Employability Skills
Listening

Your teacher gives step-by-step directions, but you are distracted and miss some of them.

How would you help the group
divide the work fairly?

Would you change the
grade or tell your teacher?
Why?

What should you do next?
How can you become a
better listener?

How would you stay motivated
to get it done instead of putting
it off?

Middle School Employability Skills
Respect

You see someone making fun of another student's clothing.

Middle School Employability Skills
Critical Thinking

You are given a writing prompt for class, but you are not sure how to start.

Middle School Employability Skills
Time Management

You have soccer practice, a family dinner, and two assignments due tomorrow.

Middle School Employability Skills
Professionalism

You are assigned to lead a classroom job this week, like cleaning up or passing out supplies, but no one is watching.

How would you break the task down and decide what to write about first?

How would you show respect in this situation, for the student and yourself?

How would you handle it? Would you still take it seriously? Why?

How would you manage your time, so everything gets done?

Middle School Employability Skills
Decision-Making and Goal Setting

You want to run for student council,
but it means extra work and
practicing a speech.

Middle School Employability Skills
Honesty and Integrity

You overhear a friend lying to a
teacher about why their homework
is not done.

Middle School Employability Skills
Team Building

Your teacher asks you to help
organize a group of students who do
not get along well.

Middle School Employability Skills
Conflict Resolution

Two friends in your group are
arguing and it is slowing down
your progress.

Would you say something? How would you handle this situation with honesty?

How would you decide if it is worth it, and what goal would you set to get started?

How would you help them resolve their conflict so the group can move forward?

What steps would you take to help the group work together better?

Middle School Employability Skills
Creativity

Your class is doing a poster contest, but everyone is making theirs the same way.

Middle School Employability Skills
Motivation

You did not do well on your last test, and now you do not want to try.

Middle School Employability Skills
Flexibility

Your teacher changes the project deadline and now you need to work with a new partner.

Middle School Employability Skills
Self-Confidence

You want to audition for the school play, but you are nervous you will not be good enough.

What would you do to stay
motivated and improve next time?

How would you approach it
differently and come up with
a unique idea?

What would you tell yourself to build
your confidence and try anyway?

How do you adapt to the new
situation and keep doing
your best?

You have a test, a presentation, and
a big game all on the same day.

How would you handle the
stress, stay calm, and focus
on each task?