Workplace Skills
Quick Reference Card

Communicate Clearly

It's one thing to know what clear communication looks like, but how do you achieve it? Here are a few strategies:

1. **Simplicity is Key:** Start with your main point and use plain straightforward language.
2. **Be Explicit:** Don't leave room for guesswork.
3. **Confirm Understanding**: Never assume that your message has been understood.

Effective Feedback

Feedback usually falls into two categories:

Positive Feedback
This feedback points out the gold star areas that you or your team excelled in.

Constructive Feedback
This isn't about flinging criticism around; it's about fostering growth.

Managing Meeting

Before scheduling a meeting, it's important to:

1. Decide whether "To Meet or Not to Meet"
2. Know what you want to Accomplish
3. Start with a Clear Agenda
4. Know who Needs to Attend
5. Stick to the Schedule
6. Encourage Participation
7. Assign Clear Action Items
8. Wrap Up with a Meeting Summary

The 4Ds of Time Management

These powerful principles will guide you in making informed decisions about your tasks and help you stay on top of your priorities.

DO prioritize tasks that require immediate attention and align with your goals.

DELEGATE tasks that can be handed off to others who have the skills and resources to handle them effectively.

DEFER certain tasks to a more suitable time or when you have the necessary resources available.

DELETE tasks that don't add value to your goals.

Set Smart Goals

Setting goals gives you a clear direction and destination. But not just any goals—**SMART goals**. The acronyms stand for:

S **Specific:** Clear and well-defined.

M **Measurable:** Can be measured to track progress and determine completion.

A **Achievable:** Realistic and within your capability.

R **Relevant:** Aligns with your broader objectives.

T **Time-bound**: Has a set timeframe for completion.

Teamwork

Teamwork is:

A collaborative effort of a group to achieve a common goal.
It must be nurtured and developed.

Key Elements of Effective Teamwork:

Collaboration	Communication
Trust	Diversity

Adaptability and Learning Agility

Adaptability helps you respond effectively to change.

Agility enables you to learn from those changes and grow.

Together, they make you more **resilient** and ready to tackle whatever comes your way.

What is Problem-solving?

Problem Solving offers practical strategies to enhance your problem-solving abilities. Here's a quick guide to get you started:
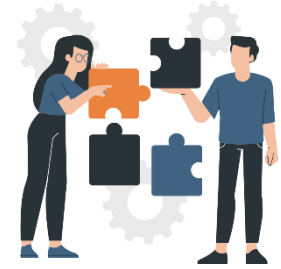
Understand the Problem:
Make sure to have a clear understanding of the problem, gather relevant information and identify the root cause.

Find Solutions:
Once you have a solid grasp of the problem, it's time to brainstorm potential solutions.

Evaluate Solutions:
After generating a range of potential solutions, evaluate and select the most viable ones.

Have a Professional Attitude

Having a Professional Attitude can set the tone for your interactions, impact your reputation, and contributes to your overall success. Here's how you can embody professionalism in various aspects of your work:

1. Display Respect and Courtesy
2. Maintain a positive attitude
3. Show professionalism when communicating.

Work/Life Balance

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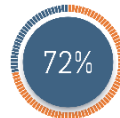
72% *of people say that work-life balance is something they consider while looking for a job!*

FACTS:

Having a healthy **work/life balance** can help you reduced stress, improved your productivity, and enhance your well-being.

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional Intelligence involves recognizing, understanding, and effectively managing your own and those of others.

By developing emotional intelligence, you can enhance your relationships, communication, decision-making, and overall well-being.

Self-Awareness:
Recognizing Your Emotions

Empathy:
Understanding Others' Emotions

Social Skills:
Building Positive Relationships

Emotional Regulation:
Managing Your Emotions

Change Management

Why are We Changing?
Change happens, and it's a part of our professional lives too. Whether it's a new technology, a team restructure, or a shift in processes, change is inevitable.

Four Key Aspects of Change Management

- **Change Readiness**: Before starting any change, make sure to check if everyone and the organization are ready.
- **Communicate Clearly:** Share information about the change about its purpose, benefits, and potential impact.
- **Change Champions** are the superheroes of change management. They actively support and promote the change within the organization.
- **Training and Support:** Make sure everyone has the right tools and help to handle the change.

Personal Branding

What is Personal Branding?
Personal branding is the process of intentionally creating and promoting a unique and authentic image of yourself.

Personal branding can help you to:

✓ Differentiate yourself to others.
✓ Build credibility.
✓ Propel your career forward.

Here are some of the best places where you can develop your personal brand:

✓ Social Media Platforms
✓ Personal Website or Blog
✓ Online Professional Networks
✓ Online Communities and Forums

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