THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS WANT

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Generally, employers say that the most important skills for employee are the basic skills—reading, writing, and math. Many employers say, "Give me people who can read, write, and do simple math, and we'll train them for the jobs we have available."

But checking further, one finds that employers want more than good basic skills. They also want employees who have the ability to learn new job skills quickly. They need people who can solve problems, make decisions, and come up with new ways of doing things. Employers want employees who are good listeners and who can make a good impression on their customers. They want employees who can get along well with others and who are willing to take on responsibility.

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Life Skills are important as these bring positive effects in the life of an individual. In this 21st century, all these skills are essential to gain success not only for a healthy society but also for successful individuals. Thus, it is important to evolve skill training among children from an early age itself.

Activities like critical thinking, creative art & craft work, decision-making, problemsolving, an ability to collaborate & communicate along with a sense of responsibility towards personal as well as society at large, to contribute good citizenship comes under Life Skill.

These life skills must be made compulsory in school education as without learning these skills, children can struggle when it comes about real-world responsibilities. Therefore, it becomes necessary that schools provide their students with these types of basic mental,



social & physical skills to make them ready for leading a better after-school life. Overall, it can be said that these life skills should also be brought into high-school education.

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