

Transcript for Employability Skills – Have You Got Them?

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So, you reckon you're pretty smart, eh? Top of the class, the next big thing? You probably think you've got the skills to pay the bills. Well, think again. It might surprise you but getting a job isn't all about your grades. I mean sure they're important but you're going to need some other skills too. You may be the best writer, mechanic, scientist, chef, or rapper but all this talent amounts to very little if you don't work well with other people.

Some of the must-have professional qualities I'm talking about can be as important as exam qualifications. These are called the soft skills and if they aren't up to scratch you might just be limiting your chances of success, but don't panic, everyone has some form of soft skills. There's growth mindset, resilience, communication, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence, to name a few. While hard skills are measurable abilities such as science languages or math, soft skills are the important general qualities and make you a good employee. There are combination of lots of things including social skills, character traits, and employment qualities, and while hard skills might be important in some industries, soft skills are important in all of them. So, value of it, it's no wonder employers put so much importance on the soft skills. They won't just help you land your first job but wherever you want to work in the future they'll definitely give you a head start.

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