

# Work Skills



There are many different jobs in the world today. Every job has certain tasks that must be completed. To do job tasks well, workers must have certain skills.

A skill is the ability to do something well. If a person is good at math and usually gets the correct answer to a problem quickly, we might say that person has good math skills. Different jobs require workers to have different skills. For example, a doctor needs to learn all about the different parts in our bodies to understand how our bodies work. Doctors have to study a lot of science when learning about our bodies. Then, doctors have to be good listeners and like to help people so that they can treat their patients and help them to stay healthy or get better.

A farmer needs different skills than a doctor. A farmer must know how to plant and grow crops. Many farmers work all by themselves, so they need the skill of being able to work alone. Special types of farmers, like dairy farmers, must like to work with animals. Both farmers and doctors both need to know a lot about science. The type of science farmers study and learn about is not our bodies, but plants. All workers must have certain skills to be good at their work, no matter what job they have.

Sometimes, a skill comes easier for a person than it does for someone else. For example, an artist was probably great at drawing. We call this natural talent. Some workers choose jobs that use their natural talents. Other times, people work hard to learn a skill. A lawyer doesn't just know all the laws- they go to school and work hard to study and learn them. A firefighter doesn't know how to put out a fire until he goes through training and learns from other firefighters.

Workers learn skills through study, practice, and hard work. The more skills a worker learns, the easier it will be to get the job they want and do their job well.