

Survival Skills

Obj. 15.1: Explain how survival skills are essential in healthcare careers.



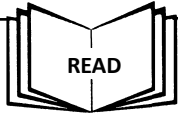
Stuck in an Elevator

Imagine you are stuck in an elevator with five other people. No one has a cell phone and you find out that the rescue crew cannot reach you for at least 48 hours. (Yes, perhaps it is an unlikely scenario, but let's pretend!) **What skills would help you survive this crisis?**

DISCUSS

What are Survival Skills?

With a partner, brainstorm the skills you think are important for obtaining, keeping, and excelling in any job.



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Read the article, “Rigor Redefined: The Seven Survival Skills for Careers, College, and Citizenship,” by Tony Wagner. After you read, answer the questions below.



1. In the beginning of the article, Wagner discusses an interview with Clay Parker. What does Parker primarily look for in candidates he is considering hiring for jobs at his company?

2. According to the author and the many business leaders he interviewed, what particular habit is essential for critical thinking and problem solving?

3. According to Clay Parker, why are adaptability and learning skills more important than technical skills?

4. Mike Summers claims that when employees present to executives, it must be clear in the first 60 seconds of the presentation what the executive should take away from the presentation. What larger point is Summers illustrating with this example?

5. According to the article, why are accessing and analyzing information far more critical in today's workplace than they were in previous decades?



Survival Skills in Health Careers

Consider the wide range of health careers as you answer the following question using examples & explanations: “How is each survival skill important for success in health careers?”

Survival Skills	Why is this survival skill important for success in health careers?	
	Explain	Examples
1. Critical Thinking & Problem Solving		
2. Collaboration Across Networks & Leading by Influence		
3. Agility & Adaptability		
4. Initiative & Entrepreneurialism		
5. Effective Oral & Written Communication		
6. Accessing & Analyzing Information		
7. Curiosity & Imagination		



Survival Skill Strengths & Areas for Improvement

Write a 3 paragraph response on the following questions: Which survival skill do you think you are strongest in? Which do you need to work on most to improve? Explain your answers with specific at least three specific examples. Then explain how these two skills (your strength & area for improvement) might be useful in your future career. (If you are unsure of your career, just pick one that you are interested in).