Imagine that you find yourself in a room full of strangers. As you walk around the room, you notice that people have put themselves into six groups. They're all talking about their work. You're asked to join one of the groups and contribute to the conversation. Which group would you most likely join first? Which one would you join second? Which one would be third? (Place a 1, 2 or 3 next to your selections).

Group 1	Participants are talking about being physically active, working with their hands, and about the machines and tools they use; about plants, animals and working outdoors; and about making and fixing things.	
Group 2	Participants are talking about research, mathematics, science, investigating things, using logic and intuition, solving problems, serious thinking, developing new theories and products, and other intellectual activities.	
Group 3	Participants are talking about creating, composing and performing, art, dance, literature, music, form, color, sound, patterns, using the imagination and about things that are pleasing to the eye or ear.	
Group 4	Participants are talking about helping and serving people, poverty, hunger, racism, sexism, welfare, hunger, crime rates, street people, literacy, health care, teaching, charity, unemployment rates, spiritual needs and other social issues.	
Group 5	Participants are talking about buying and selling, profit-and-loss statements, stocks and bonds, finances, real estate, the Wall Street Journal, advertising, marketing, interest rates, politics, power structures and the global economy.	
Group 6	Participants are talking about management information and data systems, numbers, policies and procedures, rules and regulations, record-keeping, organizational procedures and keeping things running smoothly.	

What did you learn about yourself from this exercise that can move you closer to your destination?





Self-management skills checklist

Academic Accurate Active Achievementoriented Adaptable Adept Adventurous Aggressive 🗖 Alert Ambitious Analytical Appreciative Articulate Artistic □ Assertive □ Astute Attentive Authentic Aware 🗖 Bold Broadminded Businesslike 🗖 Calm Candid Capable Careful Cautious Cheerful Clear-thinking Clever Composed Competent **Competitive Communicative** Concerned **Confident Conforming** Conscientious Conservative

Considerate Consistent Constructive Conventional **Cooperative** Courageous **Creative** Critical Curious Daring Decisive Dedicated Deliberate Democratic Dependable Detailed Determined Dianified Diligent Diplomatic Disciplined Dominant Discreet Discriminatina Driving Dynamic 🗖 Eaaer Easy going □ Fconomical Eccentric Effective **Efficient** Emphatic **Energetic** Enterprising Enthusiastic **Exacting** Exceptional Experienced

Expert Expressive Extravagant Exhibitionistic Example Fair minded □ Farsighted Girm Firm Flexible Focused Forgiving Formal Frank Friendly Gentle Generous Gets-along Good-natured Gracious Hard-worker Healthv Helpful High energy Honest Humanistic Humorous □ Idealistic □ Imaginative □ Impulsive Independent □ Industrious □ Informal Ingenious □ Innovative lnquisitive Insightful Inspiring □ Integrity □ Intellectual □ Intelligent □ Intuitive

□ Inventive □ Kind □ Knowledgeable Leader Learn quickly Light hearted □ Likable Logical 🗖 Loyal Addure Mature Meets deadlines Methodical Acticulous Mild-mannered □ Moderate Modest Motivated Natural 🗅 Neat □ Negotiator Objective Obliging • Open-minded **Opportunistic O**ptimistic • Orderly • Organized Original Outgoing • Outstanding □ Painstaking Patient Peaceable Penetrating Perceptive Perfectionist Persevering Persistent Philosophical □ Pioneering

D Planner Pleasant Posed 🖵 Polite Positive □ Practical Precise **Pride** Problem solver Productive Proud Prudent Punctual Purposeful 🗖 Quick Quiet Rational Realistic Reflective Relaxed **Reliable** Reserved Responsive Resourceful Respectable Responsible Risk Takina Robust Sense of Humor □ Sensible **Sensitive** □ Sentimental Serious □ Sharp-witted □ Shrewd □ Sincere **Sociable** □ Sophisticated **Spontaneous**

Spunkv **Stable Steady** □ Strong □ Successful **Supportive** Sympathetic Tactful Take initiative Teachable Team worker □ Tenacious Think Quickly □ Thoughtful Thorough □ Thrifty 🗖 Tidv Tolerant 🗖 Touah Trusting Trustworthy Unassuming Uncommon Understanding Unexcitable Uninhibited Unique Unusual Verbal □ Versatile UVigorous UVisionary 🗖 Warm U Well-organized U Wholesome U Willing to learn U Wise U Witty





Self-management skills worksheet

Example			
1. Dependable	I have received two monthly awards for perfect attendance.		
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Transferable-skills checklist

Getting information needed to do the job

- \square Collect information about laws or regulations
- Diagnose diseases/disorders
- Evaluate quality of products or materials
- Evaluate student work
- Examine/evaluate financial records
- \square Investigate data to solve problems
- \Box Research business problems
- Research life sciences
- Research mathematics
- Research physical science
- Research social science
- Survey and measure land

Inspecting equipment, products or materials

- Inspect machines
- Inspect materials to check standards
- Inspect products and materials
- Inspect tools and equipment
- Inspect vehicles

Processing information

- Check meters and gauges
- Compute and total charges
- Operate word processors
- Prepare electronic data files
- Prepare orders for supplies
- Process data on computers
- Process numbers and figures
- Process sales/purchasing information
- Transmit information electronically

Reviewing or analyzing data or information

Analyze and test engineering plans
 Analyze/interpret life science data
 Analyze/interpret mathematics data
 Analyze/interpret physical-science data
 Analyze/interpret physical problems
 Proofreading data for accuracy
 Review and evaluate data reports
 Review and evaluate personnel records
 Review and evaluate real estate value and records

Thinking and working creatively

Create design concepts for machines and equipment
Create design concepts for products and processes
Create design concepts for structures and facilities
Create engineering concepts
Create fashion and style designs
Create photographic and motion picture images
Create/interpret musical ideas
Create/portray dramatic and dance roles
Design and arrange objects
Prepare educational reports
Sketch original designs for materials/products
Write and report on news events
Writing ideas

Developing objectives/strategies

- Formulate program policy and goals
 Plan education/training programs
 Plan health care treatments
- \square Plan land and water surveys
- Plan project activities



Transferable-skills checklist

Following written or spoken instructions

- □ Follow construction blueprints/plans
- □ Follow equipment/machine operating instructions
- Generation Follow manufacturing blueprints/diagrams
- □ Follow navigation instructions
- \square Follow plant operating regulations
- Follow spoken instructions
- Follow travel directions
- Generation Follow written assembly work orders
- Generation Follow written construction work orders
- Generation Follow written machining work orders
- □ Follow written production guidelines
- Follow written repair work orders

Growing and harvesting plants and animals

Grow and harvest plants Raise or capture fish or animals

Handling and moving objects

- Adjust controls on machines
 Clean objects and buildings
 Powder coat or paint objects
 File documents
 Fill and pack containers
 Fill and join small parts
 Handle and/or test chemicals
 Handle and/or test nuclear substance
 Load and unload materials
 Measure ingredients for recipes
 Move gases and liquids
 Move material by hand or machine
- Prepare food for customers

Print material
Process and deliver mail
Receive and store stock
Saw materials
Sew materials
Smooth soft surfaces
Sort paper materials
Sort products and materials
Weigh and mark products

Controlling machines and processes

Assemble equipment and products Bore holes with cutting tools □Cut and slice with machines Dry, mix and separate materials Grind or cut with abrasives Heat and press metals and plastics □ Mill, turn and plane materials Operate audio-visual equipment Operate computer numerically controlled (CNC) machines Operate extruding production machines Operate laboratory testing equipment Operate metal or plastic working-production machines • Operate office machines Operate power, gas or chemical plant systems Operate printing machines Operate textile-production machines • Operate woodworking-production machines Set up equipment Set up machines Shape parts by machine

- \Box Use welding and soldering machines and equipment
- Wind and coil materials



Transferable-skills checklist

Operate vehicles and

mechanized devices or equipment

- \Box Drive emergency vehicles
- Drive vehicles of less than three tons
- \square Navigate ships or aircraft to transport people or freight
- Operate agricultural machinery
- Operate earth-moving or drilling equipment
- Operate material-moving or paving equipment
- Operate trains, buses or trucks to transport people or freight

Interacting with computers and other electronic equipment

Develop and use computerized medical records

Operate communications equipment

- Operate computer aided design (CAD) systems
- Operate computerized diagnostic equipment in mechanics
- Operate computers to create engineering designs
- Operate computers to lay out designs and colors
- Operate computers to record and analyze engineering data
- Operate computers to record and analyze life science data
- Operate computers to record and analyze physical-science data
- Operate computers to record and analyze social-science data
- Operate medical diagnostic equipment
- Operate radar equipment
- Use electrical/electronic testing instruments

Drafting, laying out, or designing equipment, parts, or devices

- Design machinery, equipment and products
- Design structures and land use
- Draft drawings for buildings and equipment
- Draw diagrams, charts and maps
- \Box Design with CAD software
- Lay out diagrams on materials

Building and repairing fixed structures and objects

Construct with wood, brick, stone and mortar
 Make large fixed structures and objects
 Repair large fixed structures and objects

Repairing mechanical or electronic equipment and objects

Observe/diagnose electrical/electronic problems
 Observe/diagnose mechanical problems
 Repair electrical/electronic objects
 Repair mechanical objects
 Repair small objects

Using hand and power tools or instruments

- Use construction hand and power tools
 Use electrical repair hand and power tools
 Use food and drink preparation equipment
 Use instrument repair tools
 Use machinist instruments
 Use mechanics hand and power tools
 Use medical or dental instruments to treat patients
- Use precision measuring instruments
- Use simple hand and power tools



Transferable-skills checklist

Documenting and recording information

Collect and record medical information

- Collect and record meter and gauge readings
- Compile and catalogue written information
- Compile and record office and business records
- Enter information on computer terminals
- Prepare case reports
- Prepare financial reports
- Prepare project case reports
- Prepare statistical reports
- Prepare technical or research resorts
- Prepare/maintain work logs and reports
- Prepare/organize numerical records
- Prepare/organize verbal records

Interpreting the meaning of information

- Explain electrical/electronic/operations/problems
 Explain banking, loans and financial services
 Explain charts and maps
- Explain diagrams
- Explain life-science concepts
- Explain physical-science concepts
- Explain social-science concepts
- Give information on events and procedures
- Give information on insurance services
- Help people understand health-care instructions
- □ Plan and give information and help
- Relay information to dispatch workers
- Study and interpret laws

Teaching and advising others

Counsel and advise people
 Give advice on building plans and projects
 Give advice on business or research projects

Give advice on computer programs and data
 Give advice on financial matters
 Give healthcare instructions
 Teach education and training programs

Managing programs, staff and budgets

Assign duties to workers
 Coordinate worker activities
 Evaluate worker performance
 Hire and supervise staff
 Manage and direct people and programs
 Negotiate staff policies and disputes
 Plan and administer budgets
 Plan staff work tasks

Communicating with persons outside the organization

Answer business telephone inquiries
 Answer questions about library materials
 Answer questions about products and services
 Handle customer complaints
 Interview people to obtain information

Assisting or caring for others

Give injections, drugs and other medications
Provide childcare services
Provide funeral services
Provide healthcare support services
Provide lodging or meal facilities
Provide personal-care services
Provide personnel services
Provide protective services
Provide social services
Treat physical or mental problems



Selling or influencing others

Demonstrate products and services
 Purchase products for resale
 Sell products or services

□ Wait on customers

Performing for the public

Amuse and entertain audiences
 Plan recreation and entertainment activities
 Provide recreation and entertainment activities

Developing and building teams

Direct an engineering-design team
Work as a member of a construction team
Work as a member of a data-processing team
Work as a member of a design team
Work as a member of a health-services team
Work as a member of a journalism team
Work as a member of a physical-science team
Work as a member of a protective-service team
Work as a member of an education team
Work as a member of an engineering-support team
Work as a member of an office-support team





Example 1. Prepare statistical reports	I prepared weekly data-analysis reports that evaluated unit performance.
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Accounting/bookkeeping

□ 10-key by touch Accounts payable Accounts receivable Auditina Automated conversion □ Balance sheets Bank deposits Bank drafts Benefits implementation □ Budgets & forecasting Cash accountability Cash disbursements Cash management City, state & federal taxes **Confidentiality** Contract administration Corporate bank accounts DAC Easy Depreciation reports EEO Guideline knowledge □ Fxcel Expense allocations Expense journals Financial statements Fixed asset reports General ledger Gross margin analysis □ Insurance records □ Interest calculations □ Internal finance controls □ Inventory finance controls □ Inventory tracking Inventory valuation methods □ Invoice verification

□ Job costing □ Loan applications Anual/automated billing ■ Negotiate payments Payroll prep & taxes Performance evaluations Petty cash Portfolio management Problem solving Profit sharing records Purchase orders Quarterly reports Sales journals Skip Tracing Subsidiary journals **Supervision** Supply budgeting Tenant accounts Time card tracking Trial balance Trust accounts Union negotiation □ Vendor contract

Administrative

Account verification
Appointment scheduling
Bulk-mail distribution
Catalogs
Computer operation
Computer administration
Copy/duplication
Correspondence
Customer service
Data entry

Job-skills checklist

Departmental liaison Editing EEO knowledge Employee orientations Executive staff support □ File maintenance □ File/records control □ Form letters/mail merges Front office □ Insurance records □ Mail distribution □ Mailing lists Meeting coordination • Meeting minutes Message taking **MS** Access MS Excel MS Outlook MS PowerPoint MS Project Manager MS Publisher MS Word MS Visio Multi-line phone Newsletters Office management Order administration Petty cash control □ Pricing lists Problem resolution Project management Proofreading Reception Report/proposal preparation □ Shorthand



Computer programs/equipment

Adobe Acrobat Adobe Dreamweaver Adobe Illustrator Adobe InDesign Adobe Photoshop Adobe Photoshop Elements Adobe Premiere □ Android Articulate Camtasia Camtasia **Captivate** CMS (Course Management System) CRM (Customer Relationship Management) software □ Intacct Linux LMS (Learning Management Systems) Mobile devices MS Access MS Excel MS Outlook MS PowerPoint MS Project Manager **MS** Publisher MS Word MS Visio MS Office Peachtree Print Shop Quattro Pro

Quicken

QuickBooks
QuickBooks
Control

Construction

□ Bids/estimates Blueprint reading Brick laying Budgeting Building plans Computer skills Concrete tilt-up/finishing Contract deadlines Contract negotiation Coordination of contractors Crew foreman Curb/asphalt repair Daily work delegation Decks/patios Electrical/lighting Employee hiring/termination Employee training Excavation Finish work **Flooring** Form setting

- General labor
- Hand power tools

Job-skills checklist

Heating/ventilation Heavy-equipment operation □ Industrial foundations □ Interior/exterior □ Interior/exterior painting □ Interviewing □ Math skills □On-site inspections Permit applications Pipe laying □ Plaster/mud Plumbina Project management Residential **Roofing & repairs** □ Safety regulations □ Sheet rock □ Site clean-up/maintenance Site lead □ Spackling/plaster □ Stairs Truck driving Underground utilities Windows and doors • Wood framina



Spreadsheets
Supervision
Supply purchasing
Transcription
Typing _____WPM
Web conferencing
Word processing
Work delegation

Beautician

Appointment scheduling Body waves Cosmetic consulting Customer service Cut/style □ Facials Hair colorina Hair lightening □ Makeup Manicures/Pedicures Money handling Order supplies Pedicures Permanents Product sales Reception Record-keeping **S**ales □ Scalp treatment □ Scheduling □ Shampoo Time management □ Vendor contact

Cashier/sale/customer service

Administration Application approval Appointment scheduling Approval of checks/charges Authorization for keys/safes □ Balance tills Bank deposits Benefits administration Building security Bulk orders Cash accountability Catalog/product demonstration Cold callina Contract negotiation Coordination with manufacturers/ vendors Corporate accounts Corporate marketing Credit approval Crew supervision Cross-training coordinator Displays Employee orientation Employee scheduling Expediting orders Floor set-up Front counter sales High closing ratio Hiring & supervision □ Implementation of emergency procedures Inventory control

Invoice verification

Job-skills checklist

Key account management □ lead trainer □ Manual/computerized system Arket analysis & trends Multi-line phones □ Opening/closing Order follow-up Order processing Performance evaluations Posting of cash receipts Pricing Product promotion Purchase order Purchasing/ordering Receiving/warehouse Repeat sales & referrals Safe drops □ Salary recommendations □ Sales presentations Set credit limits Set-up of equipment & inventory □ Shift management □ Shift scheduling & tracking Stock rotation □ Stocking Telemarketing Territory development Theft control Vendor contract Workflow delegation

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Counseling

Computer knowledge Crisis work Directing procedures • Formulating new ideas Group counseling □ Inter-agency work □ Interviewing Money handling Public relations Public speaking Record keeping Report writing □ Teaching (adults/children) Writing programs

Day care

Arts & crafts Changing diapers Daily living activities Develop good habits **D**iscipline Field trips □ Food preparation Hygiene Mediation Monitor progress □ Planning/organizing Playground games Readina Room maintenance **S**afetv

Singing
 Socialization
 Supervision
 Teaching

Deckhand/fishing

□ Block/tackle Booms Buoys □ Fasten stringers □Gaff Haul in fish Hoists Hooks Load equipment Load supplies Measure catch ■ Minor engine repairs Nets Operate skiffs Place net Pull/guide nets Remove fish from nets/hooks Repair nets Rig/lower dredge Row boats, dinghies Secure/remove docking lines □ Slings Sort/clean marine life Stand watch Stow catch Supervision Transport □ Wash decks/conveyors Wash equipment

Job-skills checklist

Forestry/logging

Appraise trees 🗆 Ax Camp sites Chain saw Chock setter Clear brush Cut diseased/weak trees Engine/hand pumps Fire breaks Fire patrol Fire trails Handsaw □ Jack □ load trucks Mattock 🗖 Maul □ Plant tree seedlings Posthole digger Power saw Prune trees Pruning tools D Puller Replenish firewood Secure cables Set stakes **Shovel** □ Split logs Spray herbicides □ Suppress forest fires **Survey** Tag trees Tamper Trim limbs Wedge □ Winch



Gardening/horticulture

Customer service Farm labor □ Farmina Flower gardening Grafting Greenhouse work Horticulture knowledge Landscaping lawn care Money handling Pruning trees □ Sales **Surveying** Transplanting tees Transporting trees Tree trimming □ Vegetable gardening

Homemaker

Answer telephone
Assign/schedule chores
Assist with homework
Change linens/make beds
Clean
Counsel
Decorating
Encourage good study habits
Equipment operation
Feed/care for pets
Hand wash items
Maintain budget
Maintain discipline
Mend and iron clothing

Money management
Oversee household activities
Plan meals
Prepare/serve nutritious meals
Provide encouragement
Purchase household items
Record-keeping
Sewing
Take messages
Teach children
Volunteer
Wash dishes/utensils/pots/pans
Wash/dry clothes

Inside/outside sales

Add-on sales Appointment scheduling □ Bidding/estimating Cold calling Competitive knowledge Computer knowledge Contract administration Contract negotiation Create flyers/brochures Credit checks Customer service Customer training Departmental coordination Group presentations High closing ratio □ Invoice verification Key-account management □ Knowledge of shipping

Job-skills checklist

Lead follow-up Aterials calculation ■ Materials verification ■ Math skills □ Networking Order follow-up Order processing Parts requisition Price quoting □ Problem solving Product demonstrations Production planning/scheduling Profit margin analysis Project management □ Proposal development/submittal Public speaking Purchase orders Quality control Records control Research and development □ Sales presentation Set/meet/exceed quotas Territory development



Management

Advertising Assign work Bank deposits **Benefits** Bookkeeping Computer knowledge Cross-training Customer-service programs Equal-opportunity knowledge Employee orientation Employee relations Employee training Evaluations Expense controls □ Hiring/firing □ Interviewing Inventory control Maintenance control Mediation Merchandising ■ P&L statements Pavroll Public relations □ Schedule work load **Supervision**

Janitor/cleaner

Apply wax to floors
 Clean rooms, baths, labs, offices, hallways, etc.
 Deliver items to rooms
 Disinfect/sterilize rooms
 Distribute laundry

Dust 🗆 Hang drapes Keep utility/storage areas Clean □ Make beds □ Mop □ Move furniture Operate stripper/buffer Polish metalwork Proper chemical usage Replace soiled items Replenish supplies Roll carpets □ Sort, count, fold, carry linen Sweep floors Turn mattresses

Mechanical

Body work (filler) **C**alipers Crankshafts Cylinder blocks Differential Distributors Drill press Electrical wiring **Engine E**stimates Front end alignment Generators Hand/power tools Hydraulic jacks/hoist □ Ignition systems □ Install/repair accessories

Job-skills checklist

□ | athe Micrometers □Oil chanae Parts replacement Piston, rods, gears, valves and bearings Pneumatic tools Reline/adjust headlights □ Safety □ Sander **Shaper** Shock absorbers □ Solder radiators Spark plugs **Starters** Thickness gauges Timing belt Transmission Tune-ups □ Welding equipment • Windshield wipers



Medical/nursing

Administer medications Appointment scheduling Autoclave Blood tests **Charting** Dietary instruction EEG/EKG □ Injections □ Insurance forms Lab testing Medical terminology Observe/monitor progress Patient surveys Patient records Sterilization of tools □ Supply maintenance □ Surgery assistance □ Venipuncture □ Vital signs X-rays

Nurse aid (CNA)

Adjust lights
Answer phones
Answer signal lights/bells
Assist nursing staff
Assist patient to walk
Assist with DLAs
Bathe, dress & undress patients
Change bed linens
Direct visitors
Drape patient for exams

Dust/clean patient rooms
Feed patients
Hold instruments
Record fluid/food intake
Run errands
Serve/collect food trays
Sterilize/prepare treatment trays
Take/record blood pressure
Take/record respiration rate
Take/record temperature
Transport patients
Turn/reposition patients

Production/assembly

Apply preservative Assemble items Clean containers Containerize product Die design/cutting Examine products □ Forklift Hand/eye coordination Hoists □ Inspect materials □ Label containers Line/pad crates Measure containers Minor machine repair □ Nail/glue containers Operate conveyor belt Operate machinery Pack products

Job-skills checklist

□ Pallet jacks Record information Record inspections □ Safety **Separate** Sort bundles/containers Sort product **Stack Supervision** □ Tooling set-up Use measuring equipment □ Vacuum sealers • Weigh containers UWeigh product 🖵 Wrap □ Wrap protective material



Restaurant/food

Advertising □ Balance tills Bank deposits/safe drops Benefit administration Bookkeeping **Budgeting** Cash accountability Contract administration Cost control Cross-training Customer-service programs Displays/promotions Employee training Health card Health-inspection requirements □ Interviewing/reference checks Inventory control Invoice verification □ Manual/computerized system □ Marketing/sales analysis Multi-line phones Order processing Organization Pavroll Performance evaluations **POS** systems Posting of daily receipts Price negotiation Problem solving Purchasing Quality control Reservation-taking **S**afety

Salary reviews Seating/service coordination Security procedures Staff/work delegation Theft control Time-card control Time management Vendor contract Work prioritization

Shipping/receiving/warehouse

□ Billina Bills of lading Computer operation Customer billing Deliverv Departmental coordination Distribute items Document control □ Forklift Freight pricing □ Invoice verification □ Mark materials Packaging □ Pallet jacks Parts processing Parts requisition Pneumatic ladders Postal requirements Product inspection Quality control Shipping requirements □ Stocking Track/schedule shipments

Job-skills checklist

Teaching

Assign homework **Coaching** Decorating/arranging classroom Directing procedures Discipline Group supervision Group/individual counseling Lesson plans Mentor Organizing projects Public speaking Record keeping Relating to parents/community □ Scheduling □ Special Education Specialized subject knowledge Writing & grading tests

Truck driving

Computer knowledge
Customer-service delivery
Diesel
Doubles
Hazardous endorsements
Hook/unhook trainer
Load/unload
Long haul
Anoney handling
Pup
Record-keeping
Repair/maintenance
Short haul
Supervisory
Triples





Made precise cuts through drywall to fit around plumbing fixtures and	
electronic outlets. Prevent waste of material, and ensured accurate fit.	



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