

Developing meta-skills

Teacher notes



Aim

Building on the previous lesson 'Introduction to Meta-skills' pupils have the opportunity to further explore meta-skills and start to consider how they can develop their own meta-skills.

Curriculum Links (Mapping)

CFE

- HWB 3-19a - I am developing the skills and attributes which I will need for learning, life and work. I am gaining understanding of the relevance of my current learning to future opportunities. This is helping me to make informed choices about my life and learning.

Career Education Standard 3 – 18

- I can demonstrate and apply the skills I have across the curriculum in relation to the world of work.
- I can identify my interests, strengths and skills and use them to make informed choices.

Learning Intentions

Young people will:

- Understand why meta-skills are important.
- Reflect on why they need to develop their meta-skills.
- Explore how to develop their meta-skills.

Success Criteria

Young people will be able to:

- Identify which meta-skills they would like to develop.
- Plan how they will start to develop their own meta-skills.

	Description	Resources	Time
1.	<p>Introduction – Why are meta-skills Important?</p> <p>Building on the previous lesson 'Introduction to Meta-skills' explain to pupils that as well as identifying which meta-skills they are using we are now going to look at how they can develop their meta-skills.</p>	<p>Developing meta-skills PowerPoint</p>	<p>10 mins</p>

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	<p>Using slides 3 and 4 recap what meta-skills are and discuss with class. Refer back to the pupil worksheet from the previous lesson when pupils identified their meta-skills.</p> <p>Ask the class for examples of when they have used meta-skills since the last lesson - either inside or outside school.</p>	Slides 3 & 4	
2.	<p>Activity - Why do learners need to develop their meta-skills?</p> <p>Explain to the class that even though we have identified when we are using our meta-skills, it is important that we think about <i>how</i> we develop these skills. Understanding our own meta-skills better can help us to learn and think for ourselves more effectively.</p> <p>Let's take a closer look at why meta-skills are so important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split the class into groups. (4 x groups is ideal) • Using the blank Thought Bubble sheet, give each group 1 meta-skill from each theme (Innovation, Self-management and Social Intelligence). • Ask the groups to discuss and complete the blank thought bubbles with why they think it is important to develop that meta-skill (Note: there are no wrong answers). • Using the PowerPoint slides 6 – 17 for comparison or ideas, ask for volunteers from the groups to share their results. 	<p>Developing meta-skills PowerPoint</p> <p>Thought Bubble handout</p> <p>Slides 6 – 17</p>	20 mins
3.	<p>Questions</p> <p>On the Pupil Worksheet - Ask learners to answer questions 1&2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which meta-skills do you want to develop? 2. Why you want to develop these meta-skills 	Pupil Worksheet	

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4.	<p>Activity - How do we develop meta-skills?</p> <p>Having given some thought to why we need to develop our meta-skills, we need to now consider <i>how</i> do we do this?</p> <p>Using the slides 20 - 22 have a discussion about Lewis, noting how he improves his contribution to the group task by developing his Communication and Collaboration meta-skills.</p> <p>As already discussed, meta-skills are not developed in isolation, you should also highlight to the class that Lewis is also developing other meta-skills alongside Communication and Collaboration - such as Feeling, Leading, Initiative, Creativity etc.</p>	<p>Developing meta-skills PowerPoint</p> <p>Slides 20 - 22</p>	15 mins
5.	<p>Question - Using the Pupil Worksheet ask pupils to complete the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which meta-skills would you like to develop further? • Why would you like to develop these meta-skills? • How will you start to develop these meta-skills? 	Pupil Worksheet Slide 23	
	<p>Summary</p> <p>Use the points on Slide 24 to summarise developing meta-skills.</p>	Slide 24	
	<p>Follow up</p> <p>Next lesson in this series is Self- Evaluating Meta-skills using the Self Evaluation wheel on the SDS meta-skills toolkit.</p>		