

# Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth Grades 1 – 2 School

## Professional Knowledge and Skills

10. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Analyzes and resolves problems that arise in completing assigned tasks

**Objective:** Through the use of class meetings, students will develop communication, listening, and organizational skills

**Activities:**

1. During class meetings, students address the needs of the class as a whole.
2. Ask students to share problems, ideas, and feelings. Have the class discuss them and then create solutions.
3. Instruct students on good listening and communication skills.
4. Help students classify problems and facilitate ways to solve. Role play the different solutions from other perspectives.

**Resources for Activities:**

Humphrey, S. M. (2003). *What would you do?* Amherst, NY: Prometheus.  
This book presents a number of scenarios involving ethical dilemmas and asks the reader to decide what to do.

**Objective:** Student will use a logical approach to make decisions and solve problems.

**Activities:**

1. Conduct a group teacher led activity where the students state the steps/sequence for entering the cafeteria, securing their tray and progressing

through the lunch line, charting student code and finding a seat for lunch. Write the steps on a Smartboard in text boxes. Have the students follow the steps thereby demonstrating: if the steps are followed in sequence, they end up sitting at a table. Scramble the steps and demonstrate that they will not end up sitting for lunch unless the steps are followed in sequence.

2. Discuss logical approaches to making decisions and solving problems.