

SOFT SKILLS FOR STRONG TEACHERS



INTRODUCTION:

- Importance of Soft Skills for Education (soft skills play an important role in a successful career as well as during social interactions in the society and at school)
- Main purpose: Investigate students' perceptions of the importance of soft skills for their education and employment and help to develop them.

STEPS:

1. **Questionnaire for data collection:** (The questionnaire mainly consist of multiple choice).
Here the skills to be considered as soft skills by the students should be:(Communication skills, Leadership skills, Persuasion skills, Negotiation skills, Conflict management, Problem solving, Teamwork spirit, Creative problem solving, Personal effectiveness, Positive work attitude , Willingness to learn, Passion towards work).
The purpose of the questionnaire is to investigate if they have a clear understanding of soft skills.
2. **Statements to investigate students' overall perceptions of the importance of soft skills:**

Statement	SD	D	N	A	SA
-Soft skills are critical for career advancement					
-Soft skills are highly sought after by employers					
-Soft skills are important for getting a better job					
-Soft skills are difficult to learn					

compared to professional knowledge					
-Soft skills cannot be enhanced through practice					
-Soft skills are not as important as professional knowledge					

SD: strongly disagree, D: disagree, N: neutral, A: agree, SA: strongly agree

3. Students' perception of the level of soft skills possessed (The students are asked about their level of soft skills possessed)

Self-assessment of the level of soft skills possessed:

SOFT SKILL	RATE 1-5	RESPONSE
Willingness to learn		
Teamwork and collaboration		
Passion and optimism		
Time management		
Self-motivation and self-direction		
Decision-making		
Problem-solving		
Leadership		
Critical thinking skills		
Small group discussions		
Making presentations		

4. Desire for improving soft skills (The respondents are asked to choose what soft skills they would like to improve and how to improve them)

SOFT SKILL	SOFT SKILL TO IMPROVE	POSSIBLE STRATEGIES OF IMPROVEMENT
Willingness to learn		
Teamwork and collaboration		
Passion and optimism		
Time management		
Self-motivation and self-direction		
Decision-making		
Problem-solving		
Leadership		
Critical thinking skills		
Small group discussions		
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5. **Barrier to developing and practicing communication skills** (students are asked about the barriers encountered in developing and practicing different communication skills)

	Barriers	Frequency
1	<i>Lack of confidence</i>	
2	<i>Nervousness</i>	
3	<i>Shyness</i>	
4	<i>Lack of proper training</i>	
5	<i>Non-encouraging environment</i>	
6	<i>Language deficiency</i>	
7	<i>Lack of knowledge</i>	
8	<i>Cultural barriers</i>	

6. **Students provide a list of activities, compiled through discussions within students and their teachers, which could help develop students' soft skills.**

