

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL SKILLS

Unit 4



GOALS

1. MAP TO MY GOAL

Sometimes you know where you want to go, but you don't know how to get there. Breaking a goal in small steps will help you get there more easily. This activity helps you think of actions you can follow as steps to reach a long-term goal. If you can plan actions to reach your goal, it will be easier to keep your goal in mind and stay motivated.

Materials

- Printed handout
- Pen or pencil

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Print the map on the handout on the next page to work on it. Think of a goal you have as a student and write it on the space provided inside the sun. Then add what you need to do to get to your goal on the space provided for the steps to follow.



- 2 Share your maps in small groups. Do your classmates have more ideas to complete your map? Add to your map any valuable ideas you receive from them.

- 3 Take action! Follow the steps to get to your goal and review your progress every now and then.

- 4 Discuss in pairs.

- 1 When do you follow steps?
- 2 How do you feel when you have clear steps to follow?
- 3 How do you feel when you don't have a clear plan?

You can ask our teacher for extra homework.

I know a page online that can help you with that.



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You can read more about setting goals here: <http://www.edutics.mx/idb>

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My Goal

4th Step

3rd Step

2nd Step

1st Step



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2. MY FUTURE SELF-PORTRAIT

This activity helps you create a concrete plan to reach a long-term goal. We all have dreams and aspirations for the future. It is very helpful to picture those distant goals clearly in the present so that we identify what it takes to reach them. To get where you want, first you need to know what you want, then what you are good at, and finally what you can do better. When you know these key things, you can start your plan. A good plan will help you believe in yourself.

Materials

- Pen or pencil
- Colored pencils or markers
- Cutouts from magazines or newspapers
- Construction paper and glue
- Printed handout

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Think about your long-term goals. Write them on the left column of the table.
- 2 Ask a partner his / her goals. Write them on the right column of the table.

| My goals | My partner's goals |
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- 3 Print the handout on the next page and, on the space provided, make a picture of yourself in five years according to the goals you described. You can use drawings, photos, and cutouts from magazines or newspapers. You can include feelings, achievements, actions, people in your life; anything you want!
- 4 Make small groups. On a piece of construction paper, make a collage with all the portraits of your group, and add all the information you consider necessary. You can include your name, your goal, your skills, etc.
- 5 Share your collages as a class.

My name is Lorena.

I want to be better at speaking English.

My long-term goal is to be an English teacher.



- 6 Discuss in small groups.

- 1 What are you good at now that can help you reach your long-term goals?
- 2 What long-term goal is very important for you? Why?
- 3 What do you like the most about your future self-portrait?

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If you want to learn more about how to reach your goals and overcome obstacles, go to: <http://www.edutics.mx/i2u>



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2. MY FUTURE SELF-PORTRAIT

My Future Self-portrait

My Achievements

My Picture

My Feelings

My Actions

People in my Life

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3. I CAN!

Once you have a clear idea on how to reach your goals, you will discover there are also obstacles: things and people that can make reaching your goals more difficult. This activity helps you identify qualities in your personality that you can use to overcome obstacles. If you focus more on using your qualities than on the obstacles you face, you can find better ways to reach your goals.

Materials

- Pen or pencil
- Printed handout

STEP BY STEP

- 1 Work in pairs. Think about different school goals. They can be about specific school subjects or about who you are as a student in general. Make a list of goals.

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I want to get a good grade in math.

I want to stop falling asleep in class.

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- 2 Choose a goal from your list and write it down on the printed handout on the next page. Add the obstacles you think you will find and write a quality you have to help you beat them on the spaces provided.
- 3 Write conclusion sentences on the space provided next page to help you focus on using your qualities to overcome obstacles.
- 4 Share your work with a partner and help each other identify more qualities to overcome your obstacles. Sometimes other people see qualities in you that probably you never notice. Other people can also help you understand that you have a negative vision about yourself that is exaggerated or distorted.
- 5 Discuss in pairs.

- 1 How can this activity help you overcome your obstacles?
- 2 Do you consider that asking for help is useful for reaching your goals? Why?
- 3 Do you think some ideas you have about yourself are not realistic? Why?



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To learn more about how to identify your qualities and have a realistic vision of yourself, go to: <http://www.edutics.mx/ida>

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GOALS 3. I CAN!

I want to get a good grade in math, but I don't think I'm capable. I can do it because I am a hard worker and I ask for help.

