

What is Work Ethic?

Example of a time when I showed **STRONG** work ethic:

Example of a time when I showed **WEAK** work ethic:

Rate Yourself: The table below contains the four traits of work ethic. Rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 for each of these traits.

Trait	Rating 1-10
Self-Motivation: You don't need to be prompted to get things done	
Initiative: You propose new ideas and take matters into your own hands	
Punctuality: You respect deadlines and turn things in on time	
Commitment: You are dedicated to the task at hand	

Consider: If you were hiring employees for a company, which of those traits would be the most important to you? Why?

Would You Rather: The statements below represent people you could encounter in the workplace with varying levels of work ethic. Evaluate each scenario and choose the person you would rather work with.

Scenario 1 – Who would you rather work with?

A person who works hard to contribute to group projects.

A person who doesn't meet deadlines or produce quality work.

Scenario 2 – Who would you rather work with?

A person who has a positive attitude and figures out how to get things done.

A person who complains and does the bare minimum to get by.

Scenario 3 – Who would you rather work with?

A person who stays focused and is always doing their best.

A person who is constantly goofing off while others are working.

Reflection (Timed-Write):

Article Read: “[Tips to improve your work ethic](#)”

Answer the questions below after reading the article.

Reading questions

1. Choose one or two of these steps that you find most important or realistic for you, explain why!

2. Do people ever stop being able to grow in their level of work ethic? Why or why not?

3. How does your work ethic now relate to your future path?

Conclusion Questions

1. What is one area where you can improve your work ethic?

2. What specific step(s) can you take to improve in this area?