

Reality Check

Area B: Learning and Working Exploration

School and Work – How similar are they?

True or False	To school	To work
I have to wear a uniform		
I am expected to arrive on time		
I work under a supervisor		
I am expected to treat my supervisor with respect at all times		
I am expected to follow instructions		
I have set tasks I am expected to complete		
I have deadlines to meet		
I am expected to treat those I work with, with respect		
I have set times for lunch breaks		
I am expected to be in attendance for a set time each day		

Can you see how many of the school rules and the expectations your teachers have, are very similar to what your boss might expect from you in the workplace?



Let's see if you can work out just how similar the skills you need for school and the skills you need for work, really are.

Match the skills you learn at school, with the ones employers want you to have, before you start work.

Put the letter in the left hand box into the matching box on the right hand side.

A	Wear correct school uniform		Arrive to work each morning on time
B	Listen and follow teachers instructions		Treat my work supervisor with respect
C	Don't bully other students but give every one a fair go		Complete work tasks to a high standard
D	Hand in assignments on time		I have a workplace supervisor who usually answers to the owner
E	Wear proper shoes when participating in Manual Arts subjects		Treat every person in the workplace with respect, regardless of whether I like them or not
F	Do as the teachers asks and treat them with respect		Start and finish work at the right imes
G	Arrive at school before the first bell		Take breaks in the times allocated
H	Complete all set classroom tasks		Take pride in your company uniform
I	Don't skip classes		Meet work deadlines
J	Be in the right place at the right time		Wear correct protective clothing to meet Occupational, Health and Safety regulations
K	Teachers supervise me at school. They answer to the school principal.		Do what your supervisor asks of you

Today, employers expect young people to be "work ready". This means they want young people to have learnt these skills (being on time, following instructions, showing respect etc) before they come to work for them.

