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SOFT SKILLS FOR STRONG TEACHERS

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What are soft skills? 🤔

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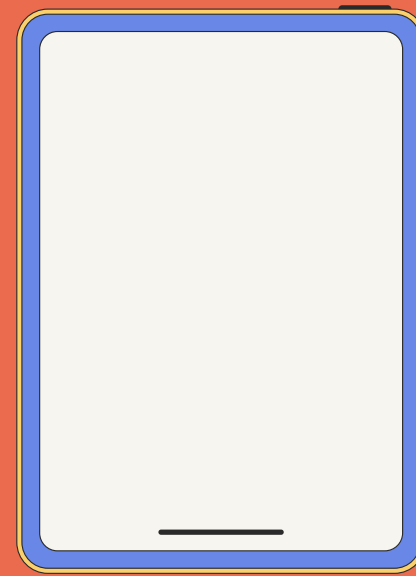


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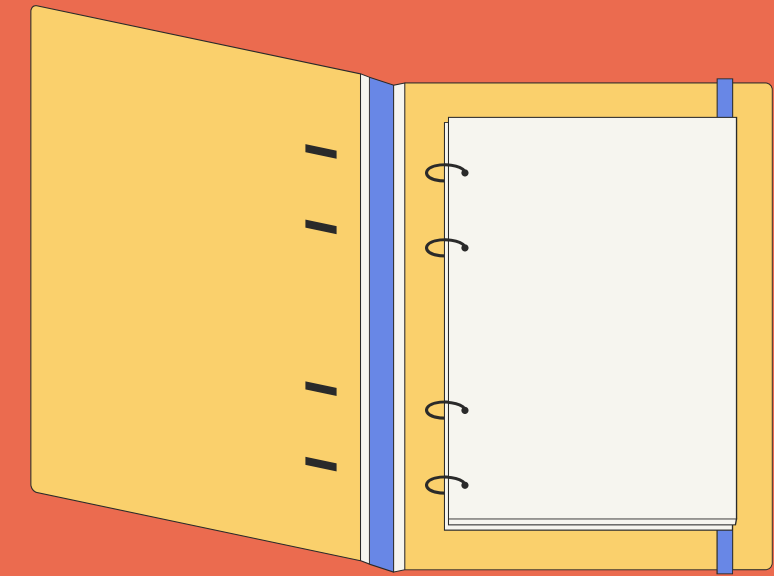
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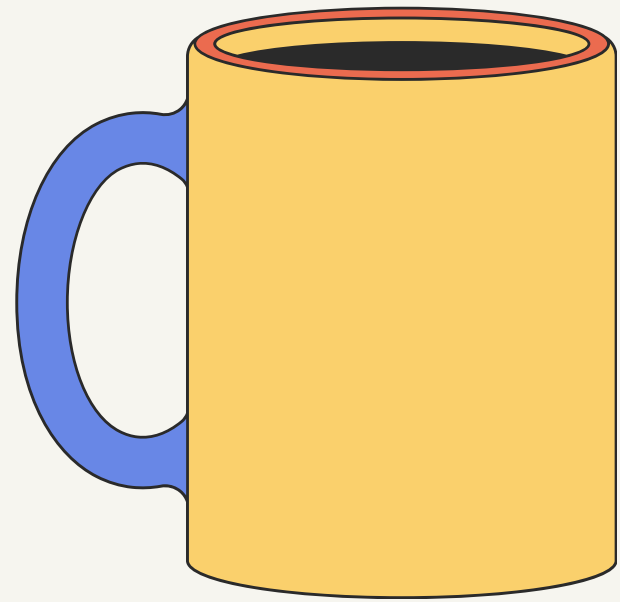
**Something
difficult to
define.**



**Something not
measurable.**



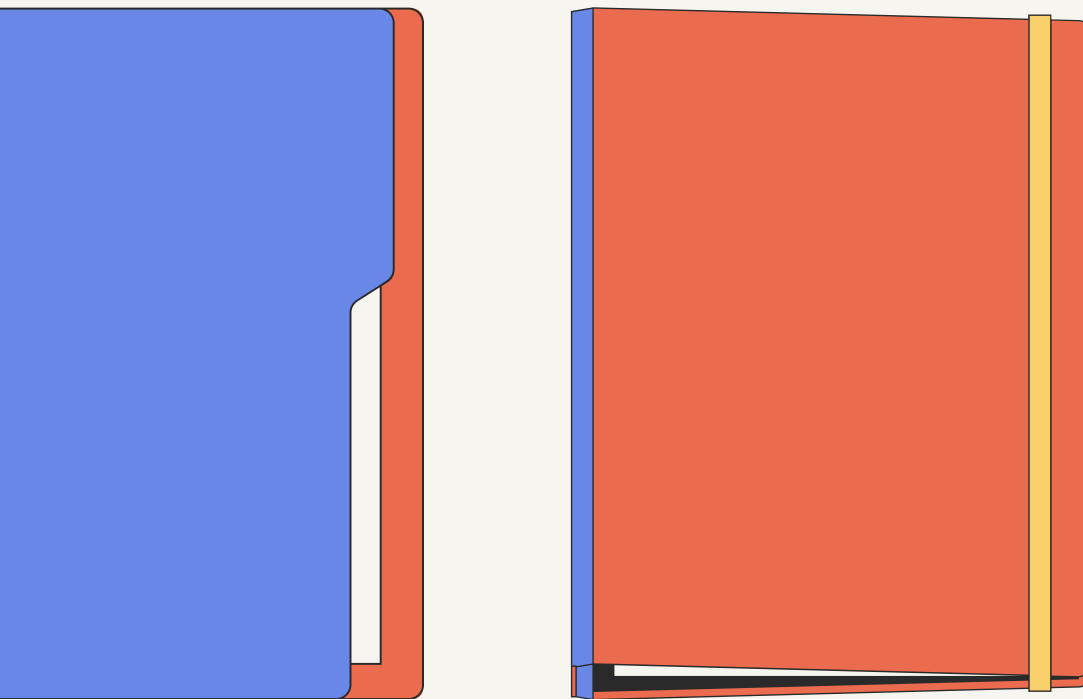
**Something that can
be used across a
range of different
professions.**

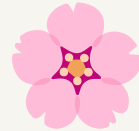


A formal definition for soft skills:

the personal traits and interpersonal behaviors that dictate how you work and interact with others.

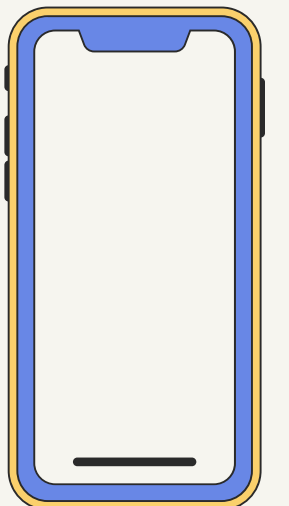
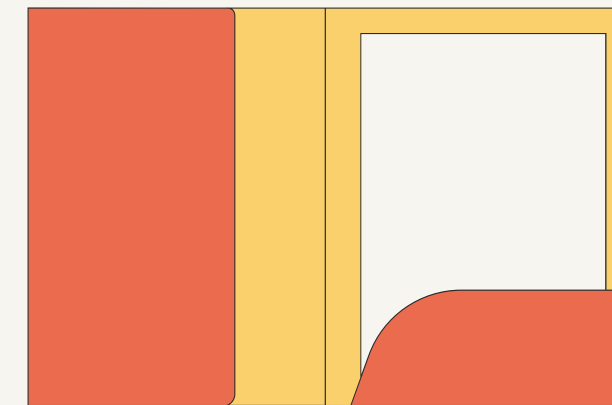
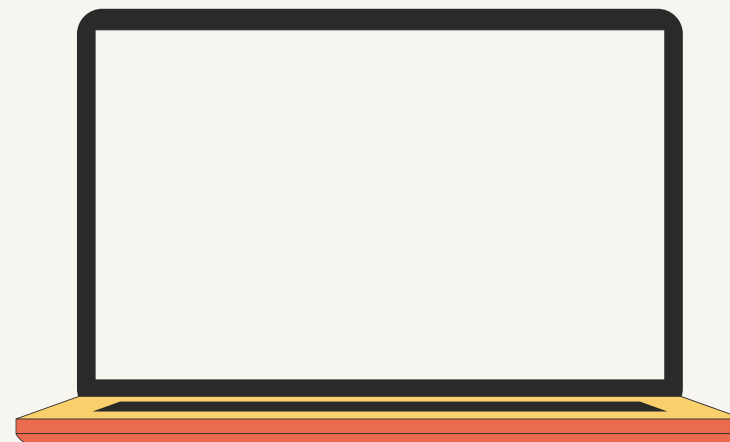
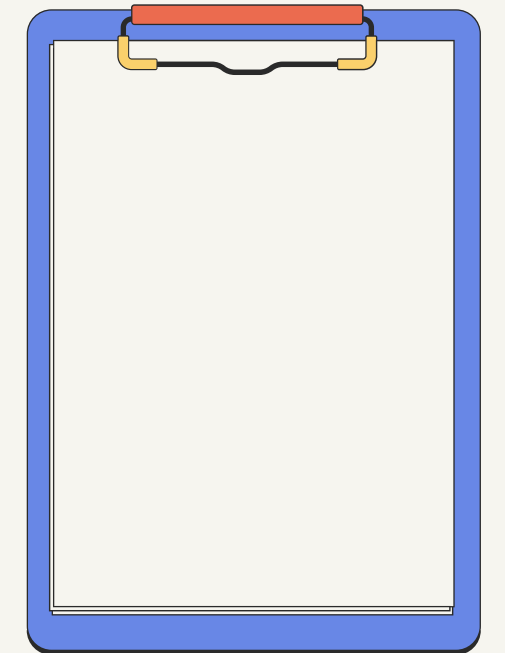
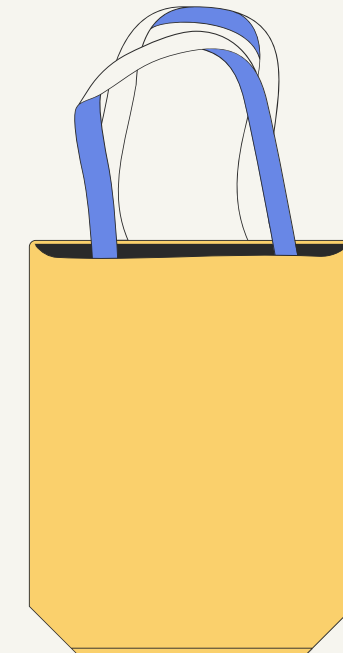
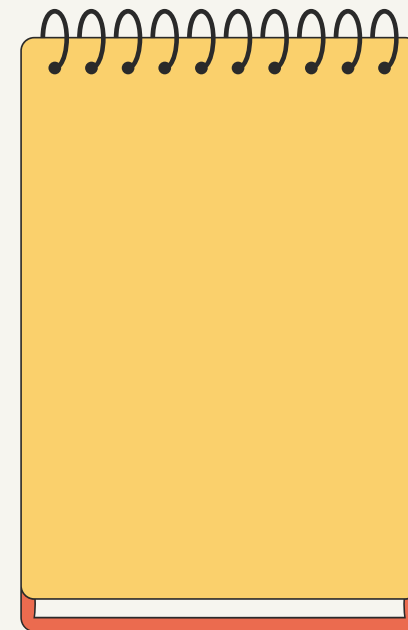
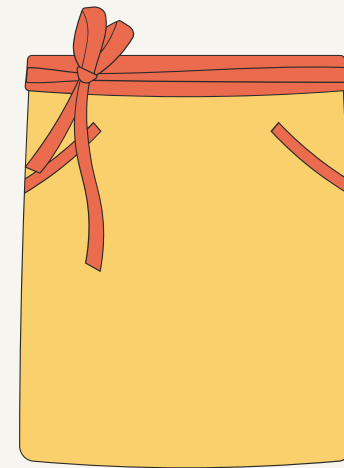
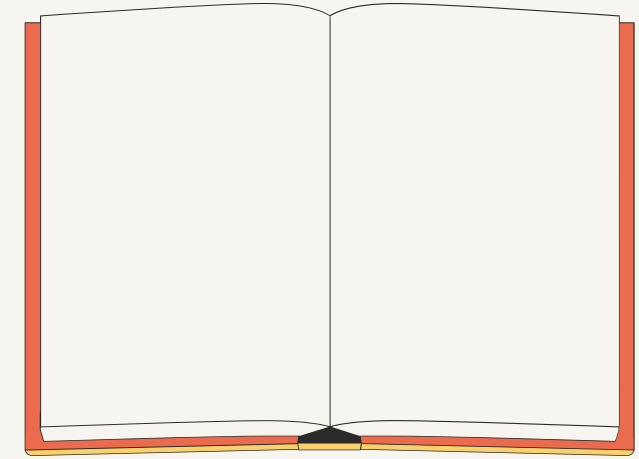
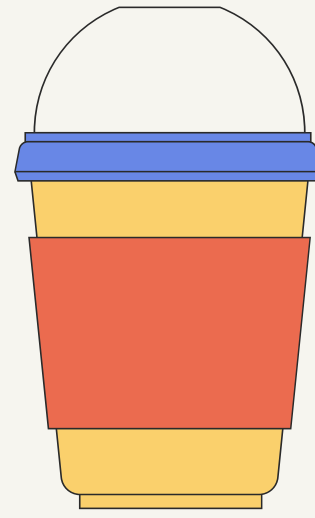
Soft skills are also.... the hearth of effective teaching!



- Beyond academic knowledge
- Enhanced classroom dynamics
- Help work-life balance
- Help students blossom 

Examples of soft skills:

- Empathy and patience
- High level communication
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Classroom Management & Leadership
- Active Listenig



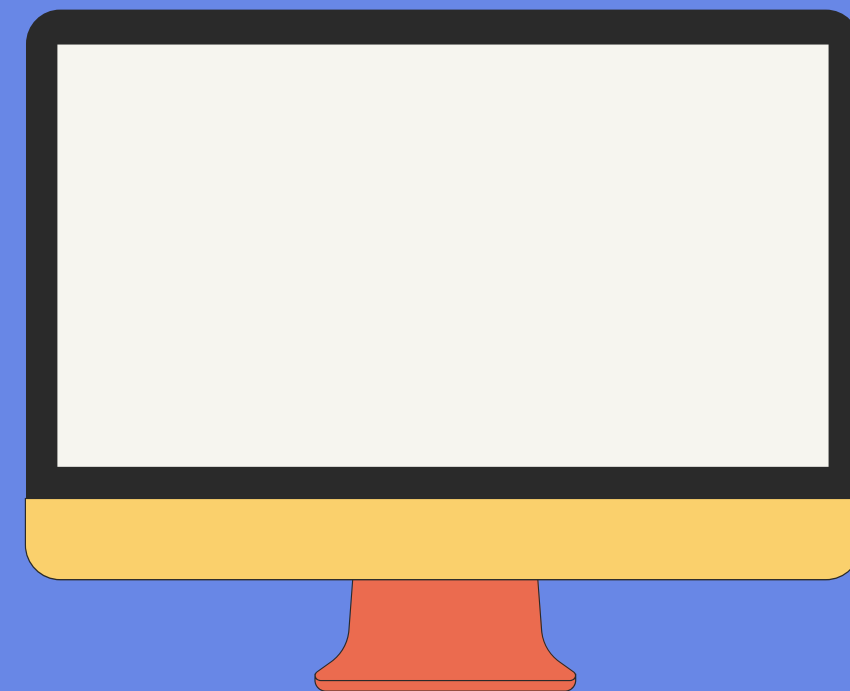
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**You can't read a book
to learn soft skills!**

Learning by doing:

Practice
feedback
practice
feedback...

Learning
soft skills?



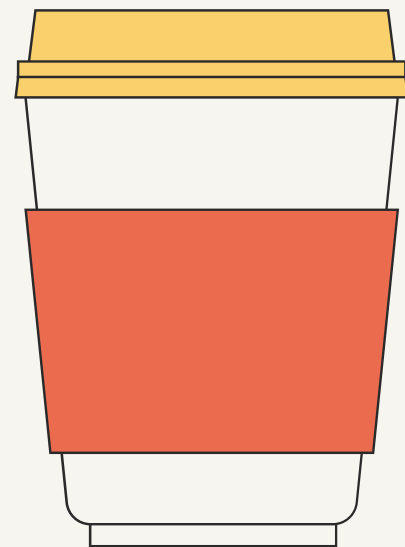
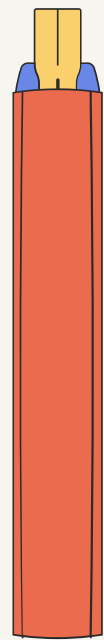
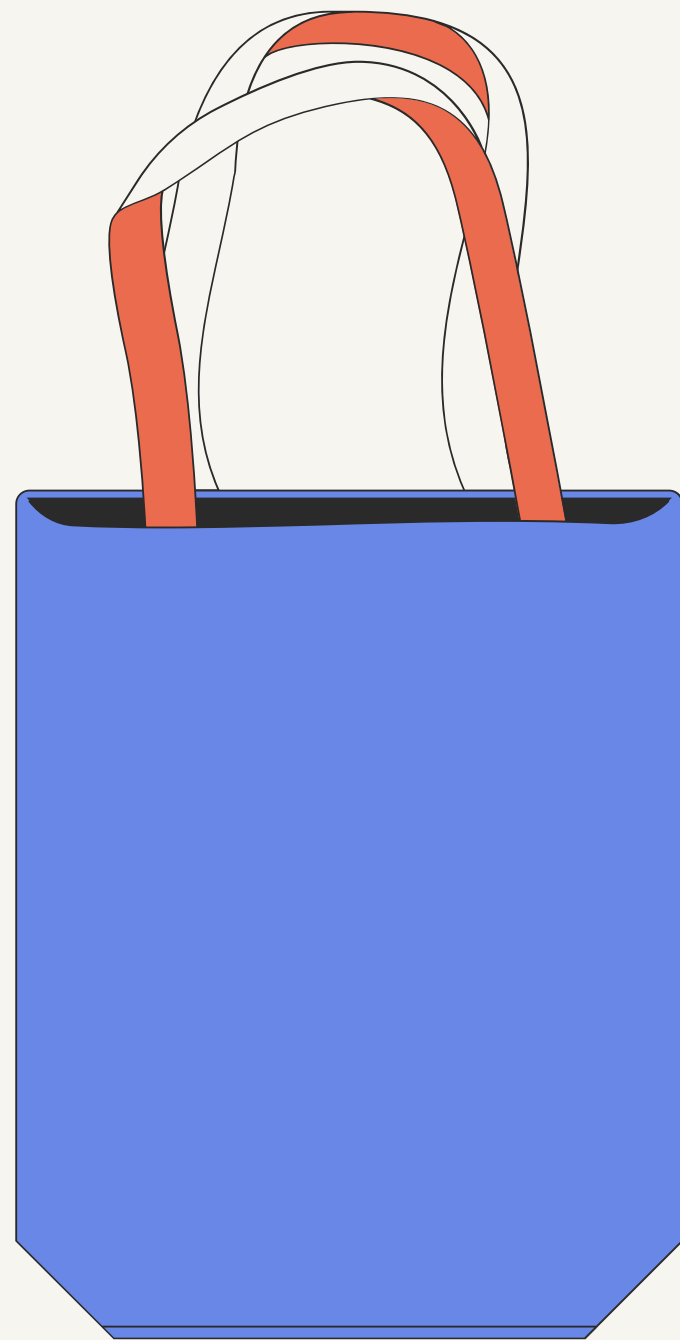
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Team-building activities can be helpful to practice soft skills.



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Spaghetti Tower Marshmallow Challenge!



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👉 **This is my team's Spaghetti Tower!**

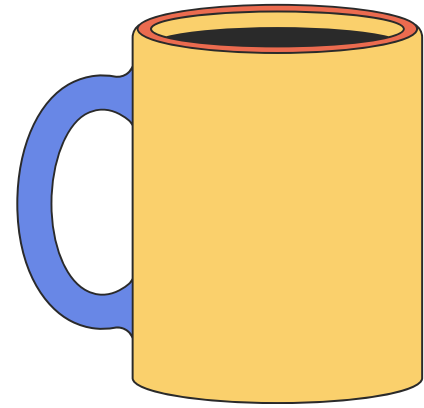
WE WON! 😄

In our school we could..

Dedicate some team meetings to team building activities in order to:

- foster connection
- make teacher job lighter.





Examples of team building activities

Spaghetti Tower Marshmallow Challenge

How it works: Build in 18 minutes the tallest tower possible that will support a marshmallow on the top using 20 uncooked spaghetti, tapes and either smaller marshmallow or tape.

Why it works: it boosts collaboration, leadership and creativity while having fun.

The "Trading Cards" Icebreaker

How it works: Pass out index cards. Each teacher creates their own "Teacher Trading Card." They write down their name, their "Special Ability" (e.g., Can calm a chaotic room with a single look), their "Weakness" (e.g., Target dollar spot; Friday afternoons), and their "Favorite Fuel" (e.g., Iced caramel macchiato).

Why it works: It immediately sparks conversation, laughs, and gives colleagues great ideas for small future gifts.

The "Worst-Case Scenario" Lesson Plan

How it works: Put teachers into small groups and give them a ridiculous, fictional classroom emergency. For example: "The Wi-Fi is down, you have no paper, a stray dog just walked into the room, and the superintendent is walking in for an evaluation in 5 minutes. Create a 30-second survival plan." Have each group pitch their chaotic solutions.

Why it works: It taps into teachers' natural improv skills and bonds them over the shared absurdity of the job.



Thank you!