

## Are soft skills more important than good grades?

In your essay discuss:

- the importance of grades for teenagers' future careers
- the importance of soft skills
- the role school plays in the teaching of soft skills.

In today's world, soft skills are getting increasingly important which raises the question of whether they should be taught in schools. Soft skills, also known as social or interpersonal skills help people better communicate, build relationships and solve problems. In my opinion, they are not more important than good grades, but they should be integrated into the school programme.

The school aims at preparing its students for their future life and career. In general, well-educated teenagers with good grades in their school certificates have an easier start in life and pursue their goals. Whether they want to find an attractive job in a very competitive work environment or get a place at a university of their choice, their good grades make it easier. Grades, which are standardized forms of assessment, not only show that a student has acquired the necessary knowledge, but also are the only written proof of that. Future employers as well as university officials often make their decisions on the student's grades.

On the other hand, it has been proved that people with good soft skills can be extremely successful in their careers. As the economy evolves, there is a growing demand for employees with strong soft skills. Companies are looking for people who can not only perform their tasks fast but also think critically, solve problems, show creativity and communicate with others effectively.

Also, in higher education, students with strong soft skills are more likely to succeed. Being assertive and self-confident makes it easier to take better decisions and solve problems. In general, people with good soft skills enjoy better mental health and overall well-being. They feel at ease with themselves and with their surroundings, and are more likely to achieve their academic and personal goals.

In the modern school, however, the focus is still on academic subjects such as Maths, Physics, Biology, languages. Soft skills, such as creativity, leadership, communication and team-building skills are seen as less important to many teachers. However, there should be enough time and resources to teach them at school. It should be a priority to incorporate the teaching of soft skills into the school programme to prepare the students for life.

To achieve success in today's world it is not enough to graduate with good grades. They are still very important but soft skills are on the rise. They not only have a positive impact on students' overall school performance but also are necessary for their personal and professional future careers. Strong soft skills are necessary to face the challenges of the modern world.