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30 MINUTES



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# LIFE SKILLS AUCTION



## AIM

Take a look at the different life skills we possess and consider which ones are more desirable / valuable to us. Are all life skills equal or do some bring greater benefits than others?

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Life Skills Auction Lots Activity Sheet
- Paper Money (or a spreadsheet)
- Bidding Numbers
- Gavel (Hammer)

# GET LEARNING: LIFE SKILLS AUCTION

THEME: MY SKILLS FOR LIFE



## LEADER PREPARATION

Print out the Auction lots activity sheet. You may want a few copies of these, so young people can take a look at the lots before the auction starts. Make some bidding numbers for the young people (strips of card with numbers on) and set up an auctioneer's table with a gavel on, to lead the auction.



**Download 'Life Skills Auction Lots' Activity Sheet**



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Give each young person £1000 each and a bidding number. This could be Monopoly / paper money, or it could be recorded electronically on a spreadsheet.
- 2 Hand out the life skills auction lots sheets, so young people can see what life skills are up for grabs. Encourage them to spend some time looking through the lots and deciding on which life skills to bid on and what they think they are worth.
- 3 Start the auction. The auctioneer should introduce and 'talk up' each lot and then start the bidding proceeding. You may need to explain to the group how an auction works. Keep the pace of the auction quite quick, to keep the interest of the group. For smaller groups, use less lots.
- 4 Once the auction has finished, discuss the result. Who has got what? What skill went for the most / least? Why was this? Is everyone happy with what they got? Who isn't happy?

Afterwards have a more general chat about life skills. Of the skills that were auctioned, some of the skills are things you might naturally have. For example, some people are naturally funny or just happen to have brilliant imaginations. However almost all the skills are things we can work on and improve. Thankfully, we don't have to buy our skills and bid against other people for them. Each and every one of us can improve our life skills and better ourselves with a bit of hard work and determination.

Finish by having a think about the life skill, or skills, each young person would like to improve. See if there are any common skills which come up and then discuss ways these could be included as part of a BB programme.



## IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

When distributing the money, let everyone roll a dice, to allocate an additional £100-£600 per person (based on the number they roll). This can help to introduce the concept that life isn't always fair and some people can end up having to work harder than others to achieve the same thing.



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Some young people may need additional help with calculating money and working with numbers.

<p><b>Lot 001 – Music Star</b></p> <p>Pick up any instrument and play it perfectly. Your music skills will amaze all who you perform for.</p>	<p><b>Lot 006 – Natural Born Leader</b></p> <p>When you speak, people listen and follow. You know how to motivate others and get the best from them.</p>
<p><b>Lot 002 – Speak to the World</b></p> <p>You can speak all languages in the world fluently giving you the ability to communicate with everyone on the planet.</p>	<p><b>Lot 007 – Sporting Superstar</b></p> <p>Football, Rugby, Cricket – you can do it all. Pick a sport and you'd be the best player on the pitch every time.</p>
<p><b>Lot 003 – What a Looker!</b></p> <p>You have 'perfect' looks that make even models jealous.</p>	<p><b>Lot 008 - Brain Power</b></p> <p>Your grades are the best and you ace all exams. Your CV will look very impressive with these grades.</p>
<p><b>Lot 004 – Techno-King / Queen</b></p> <p>You can master any technology put before you. You are literally the King/Queen of computers.</p>	<p><b>Lot 009 – I Remember That!</b></p> <p>Your memory skills are incredible and you absorb knowledge and memories like a sponge.</p>
<p><b>Lot 005 – I've Got a Plan!</b></p> <p>Your planning skills are the best. You always know what should be doing, nothing is ever late and everything runs smoothly.</p>	<p><b>Lot 010 – Problem? What Problem?!</b></p> <p>Whatever the problem, you'll probably have a solution that will solve it with your problem solving skills.</p>

<p><b>Lot 011 – Mr / Mrs Popular</b></p> <p>You can make friends easily and everyone likes you. If there was a popularity contest, you'd win it easily.</p>	<p><b>Lot 016 – I Know You!</b></p> <p>You're world famous. Everyone on the planet knows who you are.</p>
<p><b>Lot 012 – I Hear You Loud and Clear</b></p> <p>You understand people and make a great listener. You can understand peoples' concerns, putting you in a great position to solve problems and make a difference.</p>	<p><b>Lot 017 – A World of Pure Imagination</b></p> <p>Ideas are your strongpoint. You can think in different and unusual way, helping to generate new ideas.</p>
<p><b>Lot 013 – I Like to Move It, Move It</b></p> <p>You can dance the night away with your brilliant dancing ability.</p>	<p><b>Lot 018 – What a Comedian</b></p> <p>You can make people laugh without even trying. Jokes, stories, banter – you have it all.</p>
<p><b>Lot 014 – Try, Try and Try Again</b></p> <p>Whatever life throws at you, you have the best ability to recover from setbacks and treat them as opportunities to learn. You always come back stronger.</p>	<p><b>Lot 019 – Gaming Expert Level</b></p> <p>You excel at every computer / video game you play and easily beat anyone you're playing.</p>
<p><b>Lot 015 – I Can Do That!</b></p> <p>You're overflowing with confidence. You're happy to try anything and believe you can succeed at whatever you put your mind to.</p>	<p><b>Lot 020 – Let's Negotiate on That</b></p> <p>You can drive a good negotiation and have the skills to get what you want on good terms.</p>