Lesson Prerequisites

My Skills

Length
20-30 Minutes

Inquiry Prompts
- What are some of my skills and why are they important?
- Where can I use my skills?

Before You Begin

1. Ensure that you are able to log into your student demo account in Xello.
2. Ensure that students are able to log into their accounts and access **About Me**.
3. Decide whether to take discussion notes with your class via a slide deck and project for students to view, or on a whiteboard in the physical classroom.
4. Create a Xello **Assignment**. This is where students will submit their reflections at the end of the lesson.

Teaching Strategies

1. As a class, define "Skills." Write your class definition in a place visible to students.

2. On a whiteboard or using a slide deck, draw a table with two columns named "Skills" and "Interests." As a class, discuss the difference between the two. In each column, capture your discussion about each word, including definition, related words, student associations, etc.

3. Share a few of your own skills with the class. Ask students how each of your skills might be useful in different settings: school, community, family, etc.

4. In your student demo account on Xello, model saving a couple of **Skills** in **About Me**. Show how to add a skill from one of the categories and explain how you would rate your skill level or when you might want to skip this step and rate it later. In addition, model adding a skill that is not in the existing list of skills.

5. Direct students to open their Xello accounts. Allow students 10 minutes to browse, add, and rate at least 3 **Skills** in their **About Me** page. NOTE: Consider asking students to add a skill they are currently working on in school or for an extracurricular activity.

6. When students have finished adding their skills, have them reflect on the following questions in the Xello **Assignment**:
   - What skills did you add to your profile?
   - Where have you used your skills?
   - How might you use these skills differently in the future?

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