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# Networking Strategies: Independent Learning Guide

The role models in the video "Networking Strategies" discuss the importance of networking. They share strategies that work for them and advice on overcoming common networking struggles.

Watch the video "[Networking Strategies](#)" at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

**1. One of the most important skillsets you can develop is the ability to network.**

How can becoming a strong networker help you in your personal life? What about at school? Do you think being a good networker will be helpful in your future career? Why or why not?

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**2. One role model told us that growing your social network and surrounding yourself with the right people is "the most important skill that you could ever have."**

Do the people you surround yourself with help support you and move you towards achieving your goals? How? What could you do to find even more people who can help you?

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- 3. In a networking situation, it can feel difficult to walk up to someone new and introduce yourself. But, summoning up the courage to introduce yourself can often result in a great new networking contact.**

Why can it feel hard to introduce yourself to a new person? What could you do to make it feel easier to approach new people?

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- 4. Listeners learned that networking is like having a lot of friends who share similar interests and want to accomplish similar things.**

What things do you have in common with your friends? What things do you want to accomplish? How can you work together with your friends to accomplish your shared goals?

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- 5. The role models shared lots of great tips on "breaking the ice" when talking to someone new.**

What tips did you hear? Have you tried any of these tips before? How did it go? Which tip could you see yourself trying in the future?

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- 6. One role model reminded us that you can practice your networking skills right now! There are plenty of opportunities to do things outside of your normal friend comfort zone.**

What opportunities do you have to practice your networking skills? Where could you look for more opportunities?

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