

KINDERGARTEN GOALS

5.1. Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words to their definitions.

1. social	a. how much you value yourself and believe in your own abilities.
2. self-esteem	b. finding solutions to difficult or challenging situations.
3. learn	c. to do something repeatedly in order to improve or become skilled at it.
4. peer	d. someone who is the same age or has the same status as you.
5. emotional	e. related to society and how people interact with each other.
6. problem-solving	f. to grow, change, or become better over time.
7. practice	g. to gain knowledge or skills through study or experience.
8. academic	h. having strong feelings and expressing them easily.
9. develop	i. relating to education or learning in a school or university setting.
10. interact	j. to communicate or work together with others.

Ex. 2. Complete the sentences with the given words:

interact, practice, emotional, social, peers (2), problem-solving, learn (2), develop (2), academic, self-esteem

Children in kindergarten participate in _____(1) activities to _____(2) their knowledge.

Kindergarten helps children _____(3) new skills and interests through different activities.

Children in kindergarten learn to express their _____(4) states and understand others' emotions.

Children _____(5) with their _____(6) while playing games or working on joint projects.

Kindergarten is a great place for young students to _____(7) new things.

It's important for children to have positive relationships with their _____(8).

Children _____(9) basic math and reading skills in kindergarten to prepare for elementary school.

Kindergarten encourages children to use _____(10) skills to complete tasks independently.

Participating in group activities can help improve a child's _____(11) in kindergarten.

In kindergarten, children _____(12) _____(13) skills like sharing, taking turns, and making friends.

5.2. Word Formation

Ex. 1. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. _____(social) media has changed the way we communicate with others.
2. _____(social) is becoming more diverse and multicultural.
3. I enjoy going out to socialize with my friends on weekends.
4. Reading books helps me _____(develop) my vocabulary and knowledge.
5. The city has undergone significant _____(develop) in recent years.
6. She received an _____(academic) scholarship for her outstanding grades.
7. My sister attends a prestigious _____(academic) for gifted students.

5.3. Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

Ms. Jenkins

At the beginning of the school year, Ms. Jenkins, a kindergarten teacher, has many goals for her students. Some are academic, some are social, and others are emotional. "Kindergarten is a very important year," she says. "It's the first year of school for these children, so it's important to develop positive attitudes about learning. They'll be in school for 12 more years, and I want them to enjoy it."

Academically, Ms. Jenkins wants her students to learn to read and write simple words and sentences. She also wants them to understand basic math concepts, such as adding and subtracting. "I know it sounds like a lot," she admits, "but five-year-olds can learn a surprising amount if you teach them in the right way." For example, instead of sitting at their desks and listening to Ms. Jenkins talk, the children often work in small groups or pairs. They might play a game that helps them practice their math skills, or they might read a book together.

Socially, Ms. Jenkins wants her students to learn how to interact with adults and peers in appropriate ways. "Some of my students have never been away from their parents before," she explains, "so they need to learn how to ask for help when they need it." They also need to learn how to share toys and take turns. "These are important skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives," Ms. Jenkins says.

Finally, Ms. Jenkins wants her students to develop good problem-solving skills and high self-esteem. "If they think they're good at something, they'll keep trying, even if it's hard," she says. "And if they're not afraid to make mistakes, they'll learn more."

Ex. 2. Choose the correct answer:

1. According to Ms. Jenkins, why is kindergarten an important year for children?
 - A. It helps them develop positive attitudes about learning.
 - B. It prepares them for high school.
 - C. It teaches them advanced math concepts.
 - D. It helps them learn to drive.
2. What are Ms. Jenkins' academic goals for her students?
 - A. To learn how to play games.
 - B. To understand basic math concepts.

C. To become professional writers.

D. To develop high self-esteem.

3. How does Ms. Jenkins teach her students academic skills?

A. By having them sit at their desks and listen to her talk.

B. By working in small groups or pairs.

C. By giving them written tests every day.

D. By assigning lots of homework.

4. What social skills does Ms. Jenkins want her students to learn?

A. How to interact with adults and peers.

B. How to do advanced math problems.

C. How to become professional writers.

D. How to solve complex problems.

5. According to Ms. Jenkins, why is it important for students to learn problem-solving skills?

A. It helps them develop high self-esteem.

B. It prepares them for high school.

C. It helps them interact with adults and peers.

D. It allows them to learn from their mistakes.

Ex. 3. *In the text, find the following phrases:*

1. развивать позитивное отношение к обучению

2. работать в небольших группах или парах

3. взаимодействовать со взрослыми и сверстниками надлежащим образом

4. делиться игрушками и играть по очереди

5. не бояться совершать ошибки

Ex. 4. *Share your opinion with your group mates: What do you think of Ms. Jenkins' way of teaching?*

5.4. Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words:

1. Teachers/help/children
2. Kindergarten/create/safe
3. Encourage/students/work
4. Social/skills/developing
5. Learn/classroom/rules
6. Games/activities/engage
7. Curriculum/reading/math
8. Express/creatively/guide
9. Children/build/friends
10. Celebrate/achievements/boost