



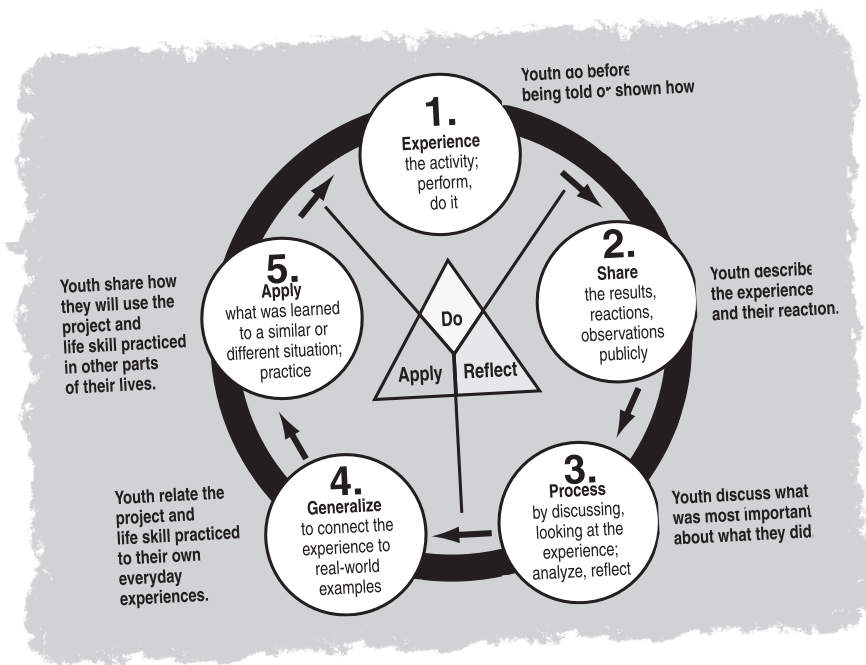
Teaching Resources *for* Youth Educators

Source Book

Activities, projects, handouts,
and other ideas for teaching
communication skills

Experiential Learning Model

"Experiential learning" is what distinguishes 4-H Youth Development Education from many formal education methods. It involves providing opportunities for youth to practice what they are learning by sharing the experience, reflecting on its importance, connecting it to real life examples, and applying the knowledge that results to other situations.



All of the activities and ideas in this manual have been designed with this model in mind so that youth learn by doing first, then reflecting on what they did in order to apply what was learned to other situations. To help you facilitate this process, each activity includes discussion questions based on the experiential learning model.

Throughout this process or at the end of an activity be sure to take time to talk it over by asking a few key questions. See the Follow-up Discussion section on each activity to help you with this important part of the experiential learning model. In addition, here are some other key questions you may want to consider using:

Key Questions

Examples of **sharing** questions:
(*What happened?*)

- What was this activity about?
- What were some things you remembered that people said or did during the activity?
- What did you like about the activity? What were the hardest things about it?

Examples of **processing** questions:
(*What's important?*)

- What did you learn about communication from this activity?
- What's something important to remember?

Examples of **generalizing** questions:
(*So what?*)

- What kinds of things did you learn about yourself through this activity?
- Why is it important to know these kinds of things?
- How does this fit into other things that are happening in your family or school?

Examples of **application** questions:
(*Now what?*)

- Where are some other places in your life where it will be helpful to know these kinds of things?
- Describe a situation where the things you learned about communication will come in handy.
- What are some other things you might do in the future to use these skills?



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