

Switching Gears Answer Key

Sample Response: A strong answer should describe a real or realistic example and show understanding of context and self-awareness. Example: "At home, I usually joke around with my family, but at my part-time job, I act more professional and focused. I make sure to greet customers politely and follow directions carefully. It is important because being respectful helps me keep my job and earn trust from my boss. I learned that how we act can change depending on where we are and who we are with."

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: Strengthens social awareness and flexibility by encouraging students to reflect on adapting communication and behavior across home, school, and workplace settings.

Differentiation Tips:

- Allow verbal storytelling for students who struggle with written expression.
- Use guided discussion questions before writing to help organize ideas.
- Provide visual cues or sentence starters for students needing support with structure.

Engagement Ideas:

- Have students share examples in small groups to find similarities across settings.
- Create a class discussion comparing "formal" vs. "casual" settings and behaviors.

Extension Ideas:

- Ask students to write a "Behavior Guide" explaining how to act appropriately in one setting of their choice (e.g., job interview, group project, family gathering).
- Encourage journaling for a week on how they adapt their tone, words, or actions in different situations and what results they notice.