

We should've been taught these in school

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"I knew this would come in handy some day!" I scream in excitement as I whip out my logarithm table in front of my manager to discuss the viability of my project.

The mind-numbingly redundant things we are taught in school are so rampant in our education system that we lose track of what's actually important and we end up wasting time. But if our schools magically thought about including legit lessons in their curriculum, what would they teach? Let's explore some options.

1. THE CALLING DILEMMA

As shocking as it may seem to you, no, it is not a good idea to call someone again if they didn't answer the first 15 consecutive calls. Who even calls, nowadays? Leave a single message on Telegram or Messenger like any other civil person.

Seriously, though. A lot of people fail to believe the fact that other people have their own agendas and they can be busy at 3 PM on a weekday. This is very basic knowledge, I know and you're probably wondering how a school teacher can actually teach this.

Well, in the subject of Business Communication, textbooks can include a chapter where they would explain the various cues of a person so that you can decipher their eagerness to talk to you. I know a lot of people who need a textbook to tell them that "Please go away, I'm busy," doesn't mean "Yes, pester me with your b%l1\$h%\$."

2. BANKING

Oh boy, this is a doozy. I remember the first time I had to open a bank account. When the account manager showed up with a pile of papers resembling The Leaning Tower of Pisa, I looked him straight in the eye and said, "Bhai, I'm illiterate. I can't write. Please tell me where I have to

sign and be done with it."

He promptly obliged, took my identification papers so he can fill up the details himself, and smiled as he left after taking at least a gazillion signatures from me. I wonder why it didn't occur to him that an illiterate person knew how to sign a document. Maybe, this is something they can also teach us in school.

Learning how to decode the ancient language used in banking documents is a very necessary life skill. Lest, you be burdened with increasing credit card interest.

3. LEARNING TO ASK FOR HELP

Even though our textbooks teach a lot of philosophical theories, they fail to tell students that it's okay to ask questions if you don't know about something.

So many times, we've been scrutinised badly by teachers for asking a supposedly rudimentary question. It's my fault that I didn't know the Mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell from the second I was born. When we grow up, this mental trauma directly affects us and we are pushed into this "know-it-all" mode where we have to pretend to know everything about anything. We don't ask questions, and we don't ask for help because that's for dumb people.

Real smart people jump into designing a marketing campaign without any knowledge about strategy and ultimately fail, blaming the young generation for their "unpredictable habits". How *dare* they not associate with my outdated lingo!

These are just some of the things we should've been taught in school. If you have more, do leave a message on our page!

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INTERVIEW ETIQUETTE YOU SHOULD KNOW

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Getting the call for a job interview is something quite exciting yet frightening at the same time. The call up means that you have the necessary qualifications the employers are looking for, now they just want to choose the best one[s] from the lot. There are two aspects employers look into at the time of the interview. The first one is of course related to the nature of the job and your knowledge about the work you'll be signing up for. The other is how you approach the interview and your etiquette. For this article, we'll be looking at the second aspect and how you can get a full score on it.

DRESS FOR THE OCCASION

Many employers are okay with casual wear in the office, but it is best not to take that risk, especially when you're in an interview. Wear formal to the interview and try to make sure that your clothes and their colours are compatible with one another (Google "Clothes and Colour Combinations"). Comb or tie your hair neatly and also don't have a tired look on your face as if you just woke up five minutes ago. Maintain personal hygiene. I know people say that 'appearance doesn't matter' but in these sort of situations, it actually does. It shows that you care.

BE ON TIME

Do yourself a favour and don't be late on one of the most important days of your life. Prior to your big interview, you will be given a time slot by which you need to be present at the venue. If you're late, it will initiate a domino

effect due to which the applicants scheduled after you will have their slots pushed back (if you're lucky enough to be allowed in the interview). Even if you don't give a rat's tail about the other applicants you need to be punctual for your own sake. No office overlord will accept employees who are late for work and do not maintain a proper schedule.

MAINTAIN POLITENESS

Remember, nobody likes someone who is ill mannered. Your attitude towards others describes your personality. So be sure to leave your ego at your home. Approach each person at the office politely. When you arrive at the interview board, be sure not to do anything other than what you have been told to. Knock and ask for permission before entering the room. Don't worry, the higher ups will tell you to have a seat so you won't need permission for that. Ensure that there is no sign of rudeness in your tone while speaking. If you're unable to answer any of their questions, politely state that you can't. Oh and most importantly, DON'T TRY TO PROVE THEM WRONG, unless you know for sure what you are talking about.

Your first impression is your last. So be sure to make an impression on your future employers with your skills and most importantly, with your personality.

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