

Launching Leaders: A Journey into Entrepreneurship

Subject	Lesson Type	Duration	Grade Level
business management	direct instruction	55	9

Overview

1. Introduction to Entrepreneurship 10 Min
2. Leadership in Business 15 Min
3. Developing a Growth Mindset 15 Min
4. Problem Solving Activities 10 Min
5. Conclusion and Q&A 5 Min

Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.2
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1
- CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP1
- CCSS.MATH.PRACTICE.MP2

Background Knowledge

This lesson will introduce students to the world of entrepreneurship, focusing on essential skills such as leadership, a growth mindset, and problem-solving. Students will learn how these skills are critical for success in business and explore real-

Skills

1. leadership
2. growth mindset
3. problem solving

Objectives

1. Understand the basic concepts of entrepreneurship
2. Identify key leadership qualities
3. Develop a growth mindset
4. Apply problem-solving techniques in business scenarios

Lesson Plan

Introduction to Entrepreneurship 10 Min

Begin with an engaging hook: Ask students to think about a product or service they wish existed and why. Facilitate a brief discussion to activate prior knowledge and interest. Introduce the basic concepts of entrepreneurship, including risk-taking, innovation, and business planning. Use a context excerpt about a young entrepreneur who started a successful business in high school. Follow with a brief video summarizing the journey of a teenage entrepreneur. Provide a worksheet with key terms (entrepreneur, innovation, startup, risk) and have students match definitions to terms.

Note:

Encourage students to share their ideas and relate them to the concepts introduced.

Section resources:

[vocabulary worksheet - introduction to entrepreneurship](#)

[youtube video - teen millionaires- the young entrepreneurs running successful businesses | 7news spotlight](#)

[context reference sheet - mastering problem-solving skills](#)

Leadership in Business 15 Min

Introduce key leadership qualities such as vision, communication, and resilience. Use a summary excerpt from a business leader's biography to illustrate these qualities. Conduct a Think-Pair-Share activity where students discuss examples of effective leadership they have observed in their lives. Provide a worksheet with scenarios requiring leadership decisions and have students write their responses. Use Task Cards with different leadership challenges and have students discuss in small groups how they would handle each situation.

Note:

Circulate and provide feedback during group discussions, emphasizing the importance of each leadership quality.

Section resources:

[task cards - leadership qualities and decision-making tasks](#)

[summary reference sheet - unlocking your potential- entrepreneurship & leadership](#)

[custom reference sheet - developing a growth mindset](#)

Developing a Growth Mindset 15 Min

Explain the concept of a growth mindset using a story of an entrepreneur who overcame failures to succeed. Use a Rule Table to outline differences between a fixed and growth mindset. Conduct an Interactive

Demonstration where students perform a simple task (e.g., building a tower with blocks) and reflect on their mindset during the activity. Provide a worksheet with reflection questions on how they approached the task and how they could apply a growth mindset in future challenges. Use a Silent Debate where students write their thoughts on growth mindset on a shared document, responding to each other's points.

Note:

Encourage students to think about how they can apply a growth mindset in their own lives and future business endeavors.

Section resources:

[fill in the blanks worksheet - developing a growth mindset](#)

[rule table reference sheet - rules for developing a growth mindset](#)

[custom reference sheet - developing a growth mindset](#)

Problem Solving Activities 10 Min

Introduce problem-solving techniques such as brainstorming, SWOT analysis, and decision-making models. Use a context excerpt about a business facing a challenge and have students identify possible solutions. Conduct a Prediction Pairs activity where students predict the outcomes of different solutions. Provide a worksheet for students to perform a SWOT analysis on a given business scenario. Use Question Cards with different problem-solving scenarios and have students discuss and present their solutions in small groups.

Note:

Guide students to think critically and consider multiple perspectives when solving problems.

Section resources:

[assessment worksheet - problem solving activities](#)

[question cards - business management question cards](#)

[context reference sheet - mastering problem-solving skills](#)

Conclusion and Q&A 5 Min

Summarize the key points from the lesson: entrepreneurship concepts, leadership qualities, growth mindset, and problem-solving techniques. Allow time for a Q&A session where students can ask questions and discuss any unclear points. Provide a quick write activity where students reflect on what they learned and how they can apply it to their own goals. End with a motivational quote from a successful entrepreneur to inspire students.

Note:

Encourage students to continue exploring entrepreneurship and applying the skills learned in their daily lives.

Section resources:

[summary reference sheet - unlocking your potential- entrepreneurship & leadership](#)

[custom reference sheet - developing a growth mindset](#)