

Sample Page - Social Skills Unit - "Risk Taking"

The clerk told him that they needed to pay a bill today and that they could not pay the bill without having the information. The person in charge said he was sorry, but he did not know where the information she needed was filed. The clerk left the room upset because the bill would not be paid on time. Gary sat at his desk. He knew where the information was filed and wondered if he should go over and ask the person in charge if he would like him to get it from the files.

Would risk-taking be appropriate or correct in this case? Why would it be appropriate for Gary to take the risk?

Some reasons why this is an appropriate or correct risk-taking time are:

- A. The person in charge would let Gary's supervisor know that he was helpful.
- B. Gary might improve his chances for promotion.
- C. This is a chance for Gary to help someone.

2. Review the appropriate risk-taking situation in the chart below. Several reasons for taking the risk and the possible outcomes have been filled in. Other appropriate risks are listed on the next page. Fill in appropriate reasons for taking the risk and the possible outcomes.

Risk-Taking Situation	Appropriate Reasons	Possible Outcomes
Learning to drive	Improve yourself Improve your supervisor's trust in you Help yourself and others by being able to drive them places	You can drive to work You learn a new skill You meet a goal