Use this exercise to help you identify qualities and traits you possess that you may use in interviews and cover letters.

**Instructions:**
1. Check each skill you feel you possess. Consider all settings (classroom, activities, volunteer work, internship, job) in which you might have demonstrated each skill.
2. Review the items you have checked and narrow your list to your 10 strongest skills.
3. For each of 10 skills selected, complete the reserve side of this sheet describing specific examples of how you have demonstrated this skill in the past.

### ANALYTICAL
- analyzed
- assessed
- compared
- conceptualized
- critiqued
- devised
- diagnosed
- estimated
- evaluated
- identified
- inspected
- interpreted data
- investigated
- made decisions
- observed
- predicted
- projected
- proved
- reflected
- researched
- reviewed
- screened
- solved problems
- studied
- surveyed
- tested
- thought critically
- validated

### COMMUNICATION
- communicated
- conveyed
- debated
- defined
- described
- drafted
- edited
- explained
- foreign language (read, wrote, spoke, translated)
- interacted

### CREATIVE
- acted
- advertised
- authored
- created
- designed
- developed
- displayed
- entertained
- illustrated
- improvised
- innovated
- performed
- produced
- promoted

### FINANCIAL
- appraised
- audited
- balanced
- budgeted
- calculated
- earned
- invested
- merchandised
- raised funds
- purchased

### HELPING
- advised
- assisted
- coached
- collaborated
- counseled
- listened
- presented
- published
- read
- reported
- responded
- spoke in public
- summarized
- wrote

### LEADERSHIP
- assigned
- authorized
- chaired
- directed
- delegated
- enforced
- facilitated
- founded
- initiated
- hired
- implemented
- managed change
- managed a crisis
- managed people
- managed resources
- presided
- recommended
- supervised

### PERSUASION
- encouraged
- influenced
- mediated
- motivated
- persuaded
- negotiated
- recruited
- sold

### TECHNICAL
- assembled
- constructed
- compiled
- engineered
- installed
- integrated
- operated
- measured
- programmed
- repaired
- upgraded

### ORGANIZATIONAL
- administered
- categorized
- collected
- compiled
- consolidated
- coordinated
- maintained
- managed time
- monitored
- organized
- planned
- performed data entry
- prioritized
- processed
- recorded
- ran reports
- scheduled

### ADDED VALUE
- adapted
- enhanced
- improved
- maximized
- minimized
- shaped
- streamlined
- strengthened
- supplemented
- updated
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<td>E.g. Delegated</td>
<td>Team leader at chain restaurant. Oversaw 10 other servers per shift.</td>
<td>Marketing Team Project: Initiated leadership for team of 4 to complete marketing campaign.</td>
<td>President of social fraternity. Delegated to 5 other executive board members.</td>
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