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Directions:

Using the article “Embrace Adaptability in the Evolving Job Market” (<https://www.agcareers.com/ag-and-food-career-guide/2025/US/9/>), complete the activity below.

Pre-Reading

Answer these questions before reading the article.

1. Describe a time when something in your day didn't go as planned (at school, at work, on the farm, in FFA, etc.).
2. How did you respond to this situation?
3. On the scale of 1-5, mark how adaptable you think you were when plans changed. Tell why you gave that rating.

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Post-Reading

Answer these questions after reading the article.

What Is Adaptability?

1. In your own words, define adaptability.
2. What is the difference between being adaptable and just “going with the flow”?
3. List two workplace changes that adaptability helps employees handle.

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Problem-Solving and Innovation

4. According to the article, why are adaptable employees often better problem solvers?
5. Why are adaptable employees beneficial to their team?
6. The article says to be “solution-oriented, not reactive.” What does this mean in your own words?

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Adaptability in Action

7. Look at the five examples of how adaptability shows up in everyday work. Think about a situation you have been in that closely matches one of these five examples. List the example you chose, describe your situation and explain how you adapted.

Continuous Learning

8. Describe how adaptability is related to continuous learning.
9. What are two ways employees can practice continuous learning?
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10. What can an employee do during a change to reduce stress and build stronger, more collaborative teams?

Strengthening Your Professional Relationships

11. How does being adaptable help build stronger professional relationships?
12. What benefits might adaptability bring to your career growth?

How to Be More Adaptable

13. List the four tips to being more adaptable from the article.
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14. Which of these tips do you feel is easiest for you? Why?
15. Which of these tips do you feel is hardest for you? Why?

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Wrap-up

16. Write one sentence that sums up why adaptability is valuable for employees.

17. In your own words, how does adaptability connect to success in agriculture careers?

Dig Deeper

Read through the scenarios and describe how someone could be more adaptable.

Scenario 1: You are working on a farm crew when a piece of equipment breaks down in the middle of harvest. What adaptable actions could you take?

Scenario 2: Your FFA chapter had an outdoor event planned, but the weather forces it indoors. How could you adjust quickly to keep the event successful?

Scenario 3: You're asked to use a new digital record-keeping system for your SAE, but you've never used the program before. How can you show adaptability?

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Scenario 4: A team project shifts leadership when your advisor assigns a new team captain. How could you adapt your communication and role?

Scenario 5: Your FFA team has been preparing for a specific career development event (CDE), but a rule change is announced a week before competition. How could your team adapt?

Scenario 6: You've been raising an SAE project animal with the plan to sell at the fair, but the buyer you counted on backs out at the last minute. What adaptable steps could you take to still succeed?

Scenario 7: During a presentation at your chapter meeting, the projector stops working. How could you adapt your presentation style to keep engaging your audience.

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Scenario 8: You're scheduled to work at a local agribusiness after school, but when you arrive, you learn two employees are out sick and you're asked to cover tasks you've never done before. How could you show adaptability in this situation?

1. How do you usually react when plans change suddenly? Explain your reaction.

2. What skills or habits help you stay adaptable in stressful or unexpected situations?

3. How might practicing adaptability in FFA, school or your SAE prepare you for future careers?

4. Why do you think employers value adaptability so highly?

5. How can being adaptable now make you a better student or leader?