Writing Your Resume'

West Branch High School Career Based Intervention



What is a Resume'?

A resume' is a summary of your skills and qualifications. It tells:

- Your education
- Your skills
- Your work experiences
- Everything you have to offer a potential employer

Skills Resume'

A skills resume lists your achievements by type of skill. Skills resumes are sometimes called "Functional Resumes".

Skills Resume'

This is the most common format. Skills Resume's also have five parts.

- 1. Heading
- 2. Job Objective
- 3. Skills Summary
- 4. Work Experience
- 5. Education

Heading

The heading contains your name and contact information

- List your first name and last name (no nicknames)
 Add your middle initial or middle name if you like
- List your street address, city, state, and zip code.
- List your home phone number below the address
- List your e-mail address if you have one.

Heading

Joe Jobscan

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Job Objective

Job Objective is the type of job that you want. Your Job Objective should be:

Specific

Match the job for which you are applying

Example: To further my experience and knowledge in the field of electronics and warehouse.

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A few sentences that relates to the position for which you're applying.

Skills Summary

A Skills Summary highlights the education, experience, and skills that you have that are relevant to the job that you are applying for. When writing your Skills Summary you should include:

- Job specific skills such as typing, speaking another language, and/or computer knowledge.
- Transferable skills such as being dependable and paying attention to detail.
- A list of skills that relate to the job you are applying for.

Example of a Skill

Attention to detail

- Managed computerized records for four attorneys.
 - Spent 100 hours preparing legal brief for Law Honors Project
 - Wrote and distributed over 50 phone messages per day at law firm.

Skills Summary

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Major Skill 1 (Example: Management)

- More detail of the skill and how it relates to the job application
- Examples of projects or situations that utilized this skill
- Measureable results and accomplishments that back up your ability

Major Skill 2 (Example: Management)

- More detail of the skill and how it relates to the job application
- Examples of projects, measureable results, and accomplishments

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Work Experience

Work Experience is a list of all the jobs that you have done.

- List the most recent job first.
- Include the name and location of each employer.
- List even small jobs such as baby-sitting and grass cutting the show you are dependable and hard working.
 - Write bullet points for each job.
 - Describe your accomplishments for each job.
 - Use action verbs (hand out).
 - Use past tense for actions you did in the past and use present tense for things that you are still doing.

Work Experience

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Position 1, Company, Date Started - Date Ended Position 2, Company, Date Started - Date Ended Position 3, Company, Date Started - Date Ended

Education

Education lists all your secondary and postsecondary education.

- List the name and location of each school.
- List the date you finished or the date you are set to finish.
- List and vocational classes (CBI).
- List other classes or projects that might help you on the job.

Education

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Degree, School, Years

Skills Resume'

When writing a Skills Resume start your resume by listing what you do well. Strongest skills first.

Group your skills into categories.

- Attention to detail
- Dependability
- Responsibility
- Initiative
- Communication Skills

- Problem-Solving Skills
- Sales Skills
- Customer Service Skills
- Computer Skills
- Management Skills

Create bullet points and list three or four points for each skills

- Start each bullet with an action verb
- Make sure you use paste tense for what you did in the past and present tense for what you are doing now.



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One last thing..... Make sure your resume is perfect.

- Is the information correct?
- Is the information your best?
- Spelling (spell-check)
- Grammar
- Punctuation

- Ask a friend or relative to look it over
- Use black ink on white paper
- Make sure that it is easy to read
 - Page is not crowded
 - Spacing is appropriate
 - Unwrinkled