



THINK DIFFERENTLY SESSION

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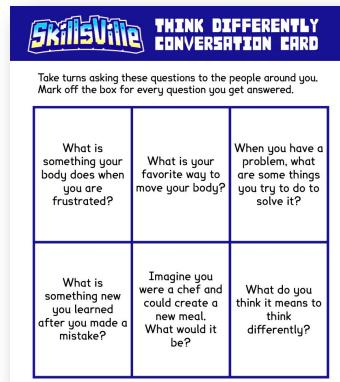


Think Differently

Welcome to the Skillsville Family Program!

While you enjoy your meal:

- Introduce yourself to families nearby.
- Take turns asking each other questions using the provided Conversation Card.



Have this slide posted as families are entering. You may need to prompt them to use the conversation card.

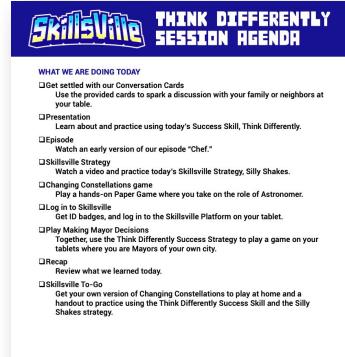
Presentation starting soon



Have this slide posted when you have about five minutes left of dinner before your presentation starts.

Welcome Back!

- Success Skills
- Careers
- Skillsville Strategies



The graphic features the Skillsville logo at the top left and the text "THINK DIFFERENTLY SESSION AGENDA" at the top right. Below this, a section titled "WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY" lists several activities:

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- Q Play Making Mayor Decisions
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- Q Recap
Review what we learned today.
- Q Skillsville To-Go
Get your own version of Changing Constellations to play at home and a handout to practice using the Think Differently Success Skill and the Silly Shakes strategy.



Suggested script: Last week we learned about *Skillsville*, how in this program you'll learn about Success Skills, a variety of careers that use those Success Skills, and Skillsville Strategies. As you look through your agenda, you'll see that we'll begin with a short presentation about today's Success Skill and Skillsville Strategy and watch an early version of one of our *Skillsville* episodes. Then we'll play a Paper Game and a Digital Game. We'll quickly recap what we learned, and then send you home with a copy of our Paper Game and some ways you can practice today's Success Skill and Skillsville Strategy. Let's get started!

Think Differently

- Think Differently is a Success Skill.
- It means “to try new things and find creative ways to solve a problem. Learn from your mistakes and make changes.”



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Suggested Script: In the SkillsVille Family Program, we will learn about different Success Skills. Today's Success Skill is Think Differently. Think Differently means to try new things and find creative ways to solve a problem. Learn from your mistakes and make changes.

When we come home from school and find something to do on our own, we're using the Think Differently Success Skill. Let's think about dinnertime. When we're offered a new food to try and we eat it even though we don't know how it will taste, that's using the Think Differently Success Skill.

Think Differently

Try new things and find creative ways to solve a problem.
Learn from your mistakes and make changes.

Let's Practice



Suggested script: Imagine you and your family are going for a walk in a park and you come across a stream. You need to get to the other side of the stream. What are some ways you could get across without getting your feet wet?

Give families a minute or so to discuss with one another, then offer an opportunity to share out.

Think Differently



Form a fist with one hand, leaving your pointer finger up. Touch your temple using that finger. Then bring both hands in front of your chest, forming fists with both hands. Leave both pointer fingers out, and bring them together so the tips of your fingers are touching. Move your fingers away from each other while moving them up and down repeatedly, until your hands are in front of your shoulders.

Suggested script: Let's learn the sign for Think Differently together. Form a fist with one hand, leaving your pointer finger up. Touch your temple using that finger. Then bring both hands in front of your chest, forming fists with both hands. Leave both pointer fingers out, and bring them together so the tips of your fingers are touching. Move your fingers away from each other while moving them up and down repeatedly, until your hands are in front of your shoulders.

Try the sign together as a whole group 2 or 3 times.



Scene 042 - Panel 1

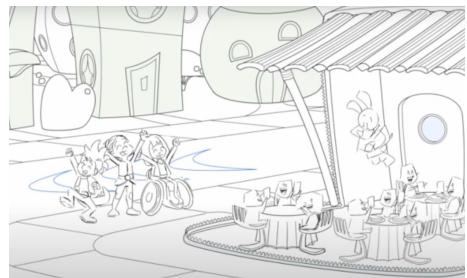


Suggested script: Today we'll be watching an early version of our show episode "Chef." When our television show is being developed, an episode goes through many different versions before you watch the finished product. This is one of the first versions where we test out a story with art from our television show. In this version, we can hear the voices from the actors who will be playing the characters on Skillsville.

Remember to have the platform open in another window, ready to play the "Chef" episode. You can find this in the Skillsville Platform in the Think Differently bundle.

Think Differently

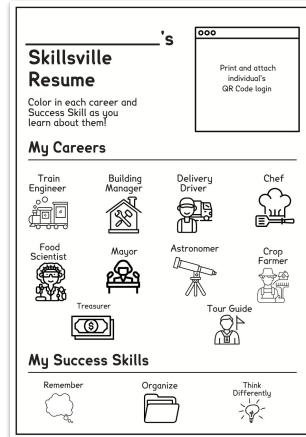
- What were some of the problems that Cora, Dev, and Rae solved?
- What strategy did Cora use to help her think differently?
- Why do Chefs need to think differently?



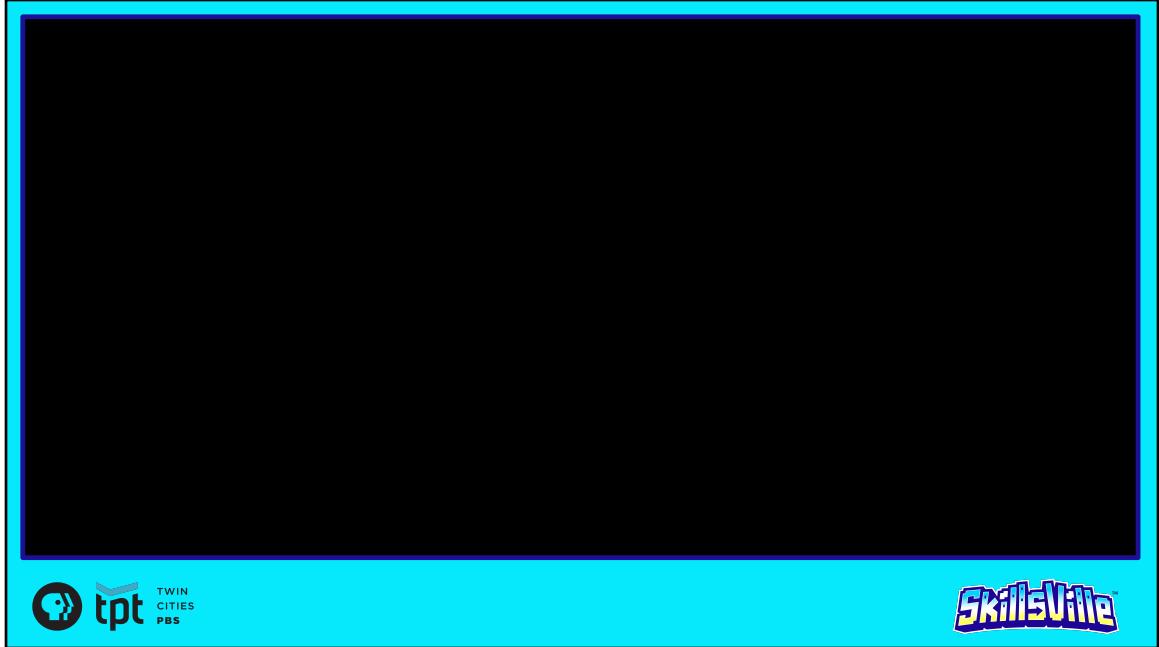
Ask families the questions as a whole group.

Think Differently

- Find your **Resume Builder**.
- What **career** did you learn about in today's episode?



Suggested script: Take out your Resume Builder, and find the career we learned about in today's episode. What career did you learn about today? [Ask children to share the answer.] You've gained experience by learning about Chefs. Now you can color in Chef.



Suggested script: Before we use a Success Skill in Skillsville, we like to prepare our brains with a Skillsville Strategy. Let's learn about a strategy we can use to help us get our brain ready to use a new Success Skill.

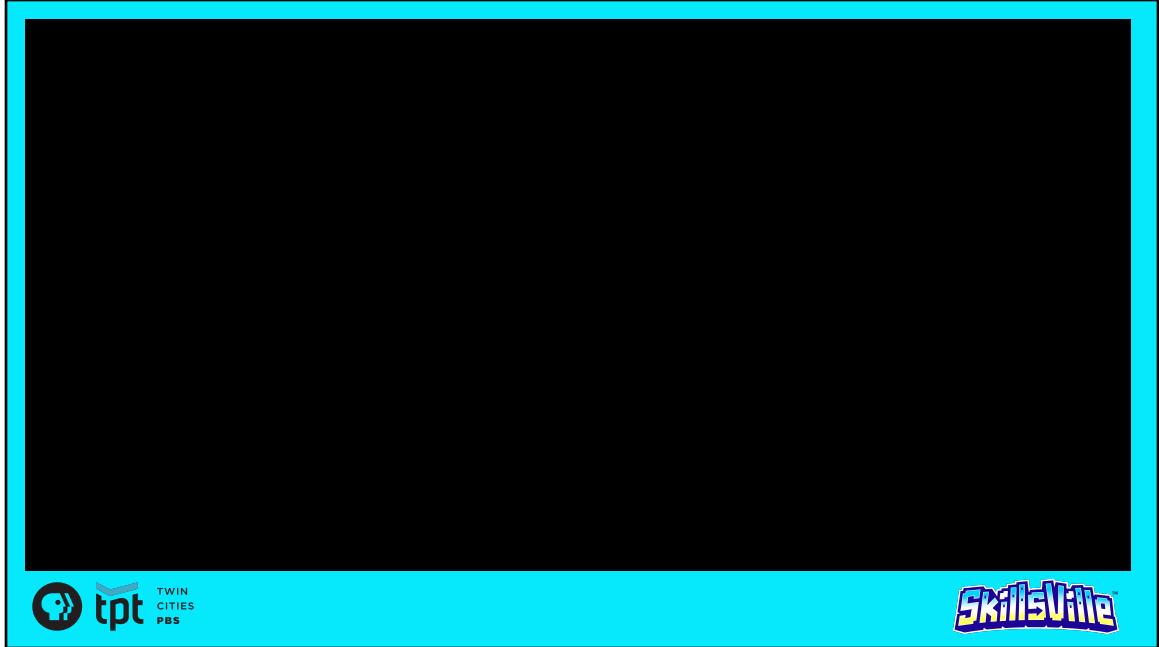
Silly Shakes — Let's Practice!

*Shake, shake, shake it out
Shake, shake, let it out
Shake, shake, let it out
With lots of silly shakes!
(Repeat.)*



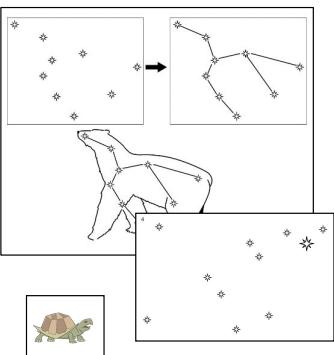
Suggested script: Now we are going to practice using the Silly Shakes Skillsville Strategy. Find some space to move safely. Let's do the Silly Shakes! [Sing the melody from the video two times.]

Suggested Script: What was it like doing the Silly Shakes? Strategies can help make us calm and ready to use a Success Skill.



Suggested script: Now that we've gotten our Silly Shakes out, we're going to play a game about becoming an Astronomer. We'll need to Think Differently to do well in the game! Let's watch a short video to see how to play this game.

Activity 1 — Changing Constellations



Pretend you are an Astronomer and use the Think Differently Success Skill to find patterns in the stars that look like different animals!

- In groups of 2 to 4, choose an Animal Card and pass out a Star Sheet to each player.
- With a pencil, draw the animal on the card using the stars (like a constellation).
- See how you and your group members **think differently** to find different patterns!

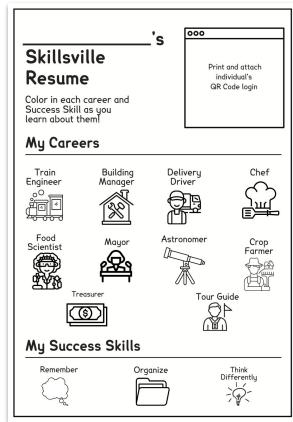


Suggested script: We'll be passing out copies of the game and the materials you'll need to play. If you have any questions, we'll be here to help you!

Pass out game materials to each family, and allow about 10 minutes to play the game, checking in to see if they need support.

Think Differently

- Find your **Resume Builder**.
- What **career** did you learn about in today's Paper Game?



Suggested script: Take out your Resume Builder, and find the career we learned about in today's Paper Game. What career did you learn about today? [Ask children to share the answer.] You've gained experience by learning about Astronomers. Now you can color in Astronomer.

Activity 2 — Mashopolis Mayor

In this game, you are a Mayor. Your job is to Think Differently and make choices for your town.

- As you play, think about how your different choices will change your town.
 - Do you want to build a new hospital or an art museum?
- When you finish a week of choices, you will earn a badge and you can try again.
- How will different choices affect your town?
- What badges can you earn?

To play:

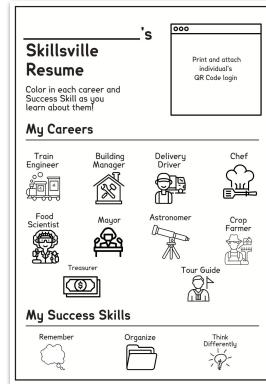
- Plug in your headphones, and log in using your QR code.
- Find this icon to begin.



First read the directions on the slide to set the intention for the game. Once you've explained how to play, pass out tablets, headphones, and splitters. Encourage caregivers to use the splitters to play with children.

Think Differently

- Find your **Resume Builder**.
- What **career** did you learn about in today's Digital Game?



Suggested script: Take out your Resume Builder, and find the career we learned about in today's Digital Game. What career did you just learn about? [Ask children to share the answer.] You've gained experience by learning about Mayors. Now you can color in Mayor.

Recap

- Today's **Success Skill** was . . .
- The **Strategy** we learned was . . .
- Some of the **careers** we learned about today were . . .



Ask families to use the sentence frames to answer the questions about what they learned about in today's session.

Skillsville To-Go



WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY

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We also learned the Skillsville Strategy Silly Shakes.

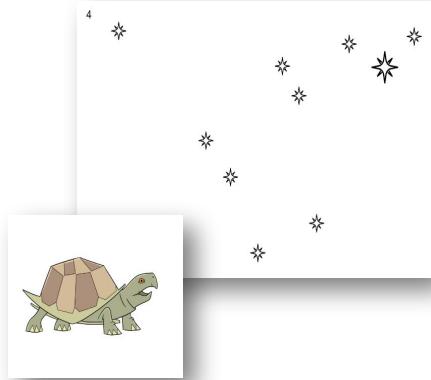
USE THE THINK DIFFERENTLY SUCCESS SKILL AT HOME
Share about a time where something didn't go as you thought it would. What happened? How did you need to Think Differently when that happened?

Try a food or activity that you've never tried before, and share how it went with a caregiver or friend.

Play the Paper Game Changing Constellations.

USE THE SILLY SHAKES STRATEGY AT HOME
Find a space where you can move your arms around without touching another person. Start Silly Shakes in your feet. Then shake your legs and your feet. Then, shake your arms, legs, and feet. Finally, shake your whole body. How do you feel after you do your Silly Shakes?

Move your body in a fun way! Play a favorite song, and make your own silly dance to it. Share your dance with a caregiver or friend. What was it like to share your dance?



Suggested script: Today we are sending you with an extra copy of Changing Constellations and a handout with the Success Skill and Skillsville Strategy we learned today. This week, when you are solving a problem, ask yourself, “How can I **think differently** to solve it?” We’ll see you back here on [date and time of next session].



THINK DIFFERENTLY VOLUNTEER HANDOUT

SUCCESS SKILL

Think Differently

THIS MEANS

Try new things and find creative ways to solve a problem. Learn from your mistakes and make changes.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

In Skillsville, we try to do the American Sign Language (ASL) sign every time we say the name of the Success Skill.

Scan the QR code with your phone to see the ASL sign for Think Differently:



SKILLSVILLE STRATEGY

Silly Shakes

SCHEDULE

- meal/snack and conversation cards
- presentation
- episode — “Chef”
- Paper Game — Changing Constellations
- Digital Game — *Making Mayor Decisions*
- wrap-up
- send Skillsville To-Go materials
- cleanup

VOLUNTEER CHECKLIST

- Welcome families to the *Skillsville* Family Program.
- Assist families in signing in (if your organization has a registration list or sign-in sheet).
- Instruct families to partake in a meal or snack (if provided by the organization), and guide them to the seating area.
- Encourage caregivers to use the Conversation Cards at their tables as a conversation starter with their family members and the families around them.
- Assist families in cleaning up once the session starts.
- Assist in distributing Paper Game materials.
- Assist families in playing the Paper Game (see reverse), checking in regularly to make sure they understand the instructions.
- Assist in distributing tablets and headphones.
- Assist families as they log in to the Skillsville Platform and Digital Game (see reverse).
- Assist in collecting tablets and headphones.
- Assist in passing out the take-home materials.
- Assist in cleaning up.

PAPER GAME

Changing Constellations

GOAL OF THE GAME

Use the Think Differently Success Skill to find animal shapes in constellations.

WHAT TO GIVE EACH FAMILY

Each player gets a Constellation Sheet and a drawing tool (marker, pencil, crayon, etc.).

Each group gets a set of Animal Cards and a Star Map.

HOW TO PLAY

1. Each player gets a Constellation Sheet that is labeled with a number. Each player should look at the same number sheet during each play. For example, during the first game, all players should look at their Constellation Sheet 1.
2. One player selects an Animal Card and says the name of the animal on the card.
3. Children and caregivers spend about 2 minutes connecting the stars on their numbered Constellation Sheet to make a constellation that looks like the animal on the Animal Card.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 as many times as time allows. Players can take a minute after each drawing to compare their drawings.
5. When everyone is done with their constellations, take out the Star Map.
6. Players try to find stars from their constellations on the Star Map. When they can find and label all of them, they win!

DIGITAL GAME

Making Mayor Decisions

GOAL OF THE GAME

Use the Think Differently Success Skill to make choices that will create new buildings in a town.

HOW TO LOG IN TO TABLETS AND FIND THE DIGITAL GAME

To log families in to their account on the Skillsville Platform:

1. Tap the Google Chrome Icon on the tablet's homepage, or go to bit.ly/Skillsville.
2. Tap the QR code on the Skillsville Platform homepage to sign in.
3. Hold the QR code from their Skillsville ID badge under the camera.
4. If the camera isn't scanning properly, you can also type in the passcode found at the bottom of the ID badge.
5. Open the Think Differently bundle.
6. Scroll through the activities until you find the Digital Game icon:
7. Tap the Digital Game icon to play the game.



HOW YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES

1. Remind families to use their headphones and splitters so caregivers and children can listen and follow along with the game.
2. To begin gameplay, players tap the blueprints and choose the buildings they want for the Digital Game.
3. Encourage families to play several rounds as they can earn different badges based on the different choices they make.





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THINK DIFFERENTLY CONVERSATION CARD

Take turns asking these questions to the people around you. Mark off the box for every question you get answered.

<p>What is something your body does when you are frustrated?</p>	<p>What is your favorite way to move your body?</p>	<p>When you have a problem, what are some things you try to do to solve it?</p>
<p>What is something new you learned after you made a mistake?</p>	<p>Imagine you were a chef and could create a new meal. What would it be?</p>	<p>What do you think it means to think differently?</p>



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