

LIFESKILLS IN ACTION

SOFT
SKILLS+

Work Ethic

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The hospital is busy.

There are many patients.

They all need fresh, clean bedding.

Some of the laundry workers feel
stressed.

There's a lot of wash to do.

Sheets are heaped in carts.

Deb asks her coworker for help.

“Ami, can you give me a hand?”

This cart is stuck.”



“I hate that cart,” Ami complains.

“It’s always broken.

The front wheel is loose.

Someone should fix it.”

“Help me,” Deb says.

She shoves the cart.

It barely moves.



“Hold on,” Ami says.

“I’m texting.”

Deb rolls her eyes.

Ami came in late.

Now she’s here **but isn’t ready to work.**

“Fine,” Deb says.

“I’ll do it myself.”

Moving the broken cart is hard.

Deb pushes and pulls.

She gets sweaty.

The cart moves slowly.

At last, it reaches the washer.





Deb loads the sheets.

She reaches for soap.

The jug is empty.

“Ami?” Deb calls.

“We’re out of soap.

Would you get some, please?”

Ami grabs a jug.

It's leaking.

Not my problem, she thinks.

Soap drips.

The floor gets slick.

Ami **ignores it**.

They start the wash.

Then Deb turns to do the next task.

She slips and falls on the soapy floor.

“Ami, what happened?”

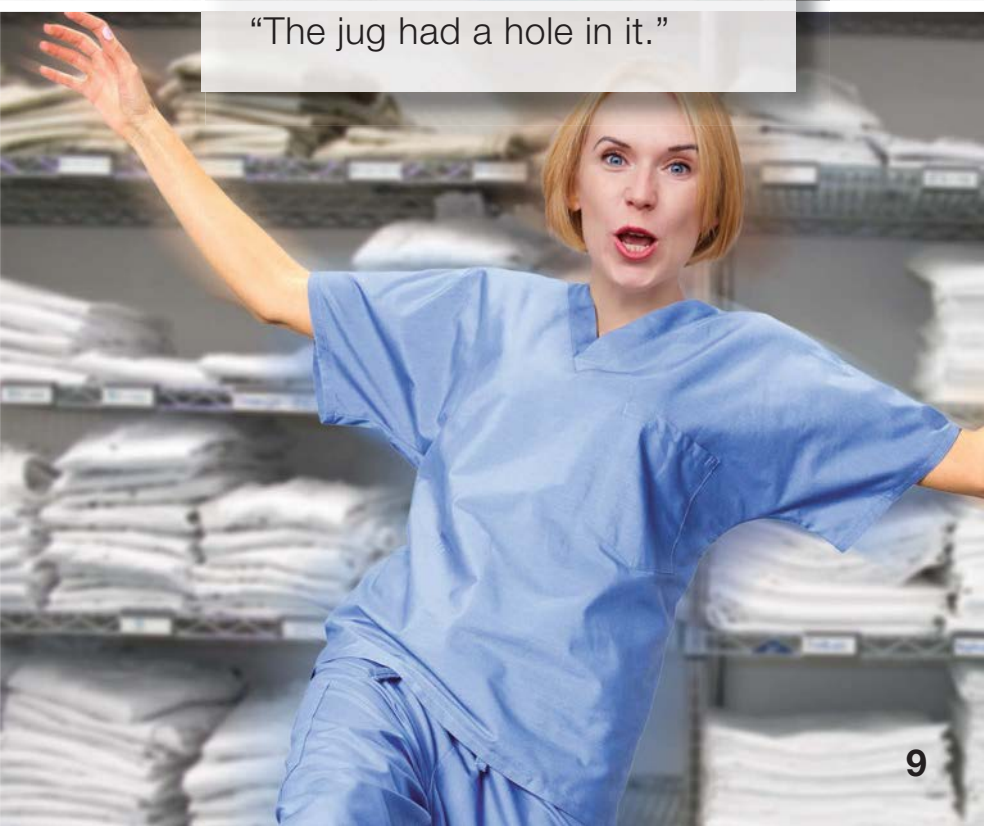
Did you spill soap?”

“No,” Ami lies.

“Really?”

“It wasn’t my fault,” Ami says.

“The jug had a hole in it.”



Deb shakes her head.

“I could have been hurt.

Please clean it up.”

Ami goes to get a mop.

When she comes back, she hears voices.

Deb is talking to their boss, Carla.

“What’s the problem?” Carla asks.

“It’s Ami,” Deb says.

“She has a **poor work ethic.**”

“What do you mean?”

