

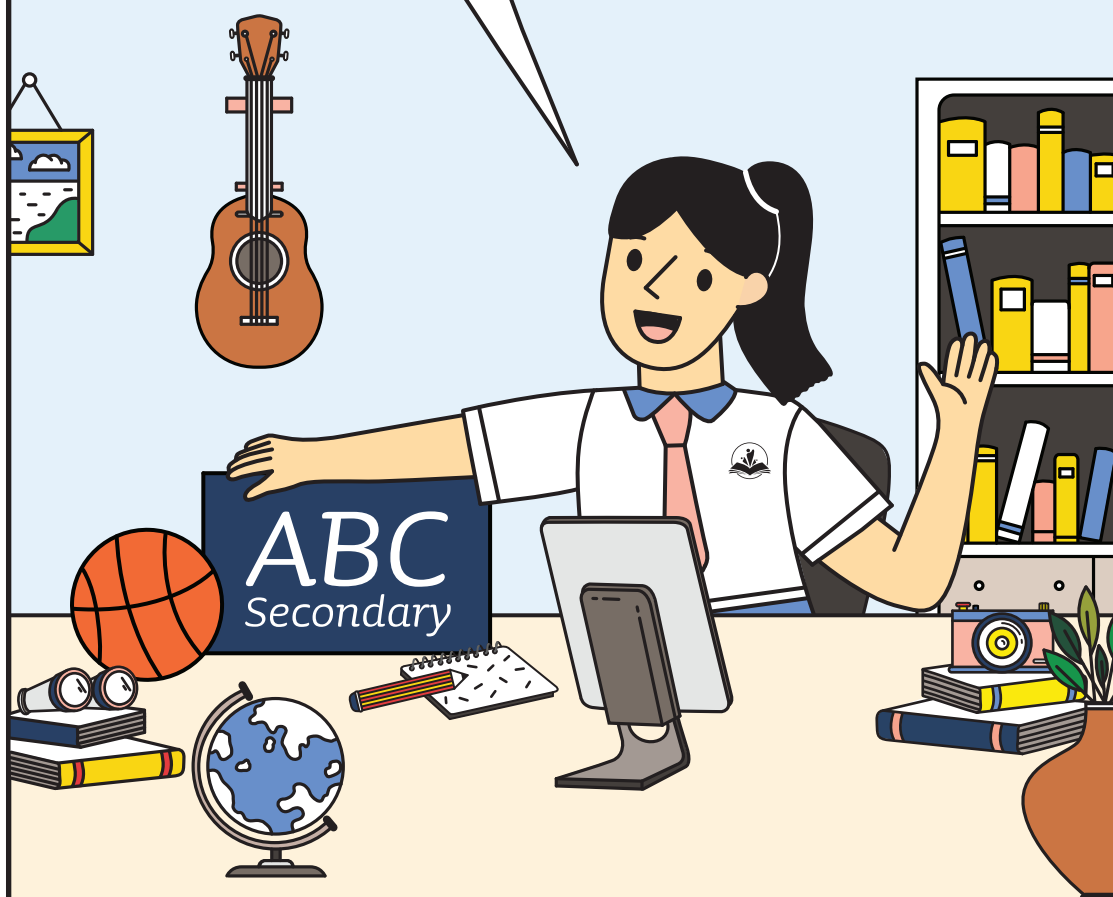


Sylvia Says
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Hi! I'm Sylvia!

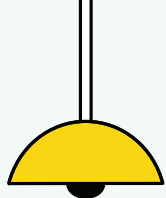
It's nice to meet you! I'm excited to share with you my experience with Student-Initiated Learning, or SIL for short.



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Let's Get Started!





What is SIL?

As part of Home-Based Learning (HBL), you are going to embark on 'Student-Initiated Learning' or SIL for short. So what exactly is SIL?



SIL is

- ✓ an opportunity for you to learn to be an **independent, passionate** and **lifelong learner**
- ✓ a dedicated time during HBL for you to **explore personal interests**, both within and outside of curriculum



If you are still wondering what your SIL journey could look like, here's a sneak peek at mine!



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Getting Started

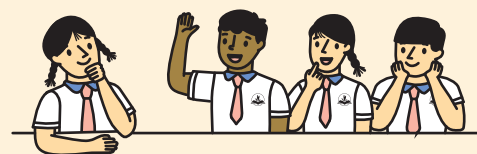
- Choose an activity that can either be carried out at home, or in school
- Inform your teachers and parents of your SIL activities



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Embarking on your journey

- Explore and learn!
- Form a peer-support group with your friends, help each other out



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Sharing your Journey

- Don't forget to share your journey with everyone



SIL is not...

- a time for you to catch up on school work
- an activity that others ask you to do
- an activity that is graded
- an activity that you need to spend a long time planning for





What should I do for SIL?



I want to learn _____,
by _____.

Here are some examples:



I want to learn how to cook traditional cuisine from my culture, by reading cookbooks and trying the dishes at home.



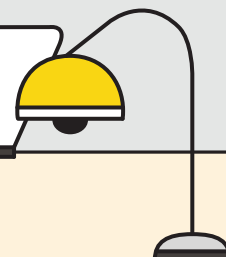
I want to learn the Korean language, by taking online language lessons.



I want to learn gardening skills, by reading gardening magazines and growing a few plants of my own.



Before you embark on your activity, refer to the SLS lesson on kickstarting SIL!



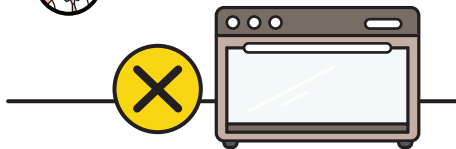
Things to remember for SIL:

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Keep it safe

- ✓ Consider the possible risks in what you plan to do.

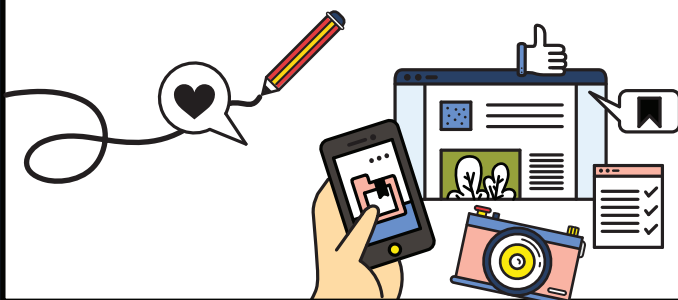
I haven't used an oven before, I'd better ask my mum/dad/older siblings to teach me before I use it.



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Keep it stress-free

- ✓ Choose a topic that you enjoy!
- ✓ Have fun during the learning process and feel free to tweak your plan as you go along!



02

Keep it simple

- ✓ Choose a simple activity that can be done at home.
- ✓ Ensure that the materials you need are easily accessible.
- ✓ Break down a task into mini-tasks that you can progressively build up over the weeks!

Build up a task progressively over the weeks

Week 1:



Study different portrait drawing techniques

Week 3:



Experiment with a portrait drawing

Week 5:



Add colours, contours and background to portrait

Week 7:



Draw another portrait

Week 9:

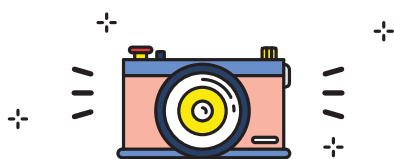


Try an abstract portrait drawing

Sharing your journey



Here are some suggestions for how you can share your learning!



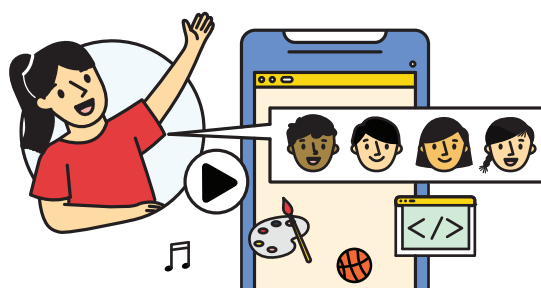
Snap a picture of something you created, or a moment you want to remember!



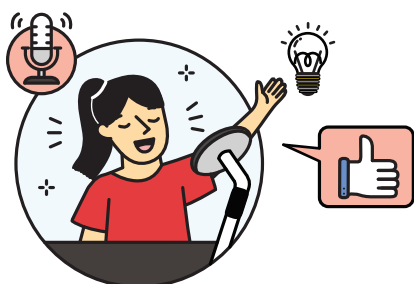
Start a learning journal!



Record your learning in the MySkillsFuture Portal!



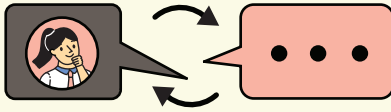
Create a short video or social media post to share your learning with family and friends!



Start a podcast to talk about topics you're interested in!



FAQs



Answering some of your questions on SIL.



Felicia

Hey Sylvia, my friends and I love playing online games together. Are we able to use SIL time for this?

Hmm I don't think that's a good idea, Felicia. SIL is intended for you to learn something that you're interested in. Why not make use of this opportunity to explore something new?



Yi Ting

Hey Sylvia, do I need to seek approval from my teachers and my parents before I embark on my SIL activities?



Hi Yi Ting, for SIL activities that are carried out at home or in school, you should keep your parents and teachers informed about what you are planning to do.

For activities that are carried out outside of home or school, do look at my response to Ethan!



Ganesh

Hi Sylvia, I was wondering if I could do my SIL activity with my classmates?

Hi Ganesh, yes, if your classmates are also interested in the same activity for their SIL. For example, you and your classmates might work together to learn about the needs of the elderly in your neighbourhood through the use of design methods.



Hey Sylvia, I'm considering learning more about Singaporean artists at the National Gallery. Can I venture out of my home or school for my SIL activities?



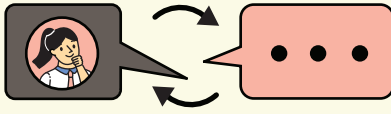
Ethan

Hi Ethan, as a rule of thumb, you should choose activities that can be done at home or in school. However, if you have a clear learning goal and strong reasons why your SIL needs to be done elsewhere, you need to seek approval from your teacher and your parent.





FAQs



Hi Sylvia, there are so many ways to share my SIL learning. How should I decide?



Christopher

Hi Christopher! Remember, keep it simple! Your sharing shouldn't become a burden or take up a lot of time. Your sharing should also be fun, so you can choose a mode of sharing that you enjoy, e.g. through cartoons, v-logs, podcasts or even TikTok!



Hi Sylvia, how much do I need to share about what I've learnt with my peers, as I'm still a beginner. I'm worried that I will make a fool of myself.



Afiqah

Don't worry Afiqah, it's not necessary to perform or to showcase your new skillset. You should just share as much as you're comfortable with. For example, you can share with your teachers what you have read or videos you watched as part of your SIL learning.

