One way to practice problem solving is using task cards to discuss new situations. Having students meaningfully think about situations they could potentially be in helps them brainstorm innovative ways they could handle solving the issue at hand. We have created task cards that can be used to practice problem solving skills. The cards are color coded by category.

The key is as follows:
Red – Work situations
Green – Social situations
Blue – Classroom/School situations
Yellow – Community situations
Purple – Recreation and leisure situations
Orange – Independent living situations
You work at a restaurant. Your boss asks you to clean the tables. When you collect your supplies you realize that there is no cleaning solution. What will you do?

You work at a grocery store. You are stocking shelves. You have the wrong items. What will you do?

You wake up sick. You are scheduled to work today. Who will you contact?

You are working at a bank. A coworker asks why you get extra help. What will you say?
Your friends borrows your favorite DVD. When he gives it back, it is scratched. What will you do?

Your friend has not texted you in 3 days. You wonder if she is mad at you. What will you do?

You and your friend go shopping. He wants to buy a shirt, but doesn’t have enough money for it. What will you do?

You are at your friends house. You are ready to go home. What will you do?
You raise your hand to answer a question in class. Your teacher does not call on you. What will you do?

You left your textbook in homeroom. Class has already started. What will you do?

Your friend is talking to you in class. You know you are supposed to talk while the teacher is talking. What will you do?

The bell rings before you get to class. You are now late. What will you do?
You order your meal at a restaurant. The waitress brings you the wrong meal. What will you do?

You are taking a bus to the park. There are no more seats. What will you do?

You go to the ice cream shop. The line is all the way out the door. What will you do?

You go to the grocery store. They are out of the bread you want. What will you do?
At the gym you want to use a machine. Someone else is using it. What will you do?

You pay to see a movie. The box office doesn't give you a ticket. What will you do?

You see a flyer for a new sports team. The coach's name and phone number are listed. You want to join. What will you do?

You just bought a new video game and want to stay up to play it. You have to be at work at 7 am. What will you do?
You always take out the trash.  
Your roommate does not.  
What will you do?

You want to hang out with 
your housemate.  
Your housemate is busy.  
What will you do?

You heat up food in the microwave.  
The plastic container melts.  
What will you do?

You arrive at home.  
The door is locked.  
You forgot your key.  
What will you do?