

LISTENING PRACTICE

SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WORKPLACE



1) Drag the phrases to the correct place to discover some information about the 21st century.

analyse information	communicate well	problem solving
good at making decisions	the 21st century	age of technology

We are living in ¹ _____. Some people call it the ² _____.

We need to learn skills such as ³ _____ and we need to be able to
⁴ _____ with other people around the world. Employers are looking for people who
can ⁵ _____ well, people who are able to recognise whether information is reliable
or not. They also like people who are ⁶ _____ without asking for help.

2) Listen to the audio.

3) Choose true or false.

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| 1. | 21st-century skills are not taught in schools in the UK. | True | False |
| 2. | Employers like workers to be imaginative. | True | False |
| 3. | Employers want workers to think about possible problems. | True | False |
| 4. | Employers like workers to be original when solving problems. | True | False |
| 5. | Future workers will need to be able to write concisely. | True | False |
| 6. | People communicate with each other less in the 21st century. | True | False |
| 7. | Employers believe it is useful to know a lot of information about celebrities. | True | False |
| 8. | Employers don't want workers to make decisions without asking them. | True | False |

4) Complete the ideas with the words from the box.

have	make	value	differentiate
develop	discuss	teach	solve

- UK schools and colleges _____ ICT skills.
- Employers _____ people with ideas for new approaches.
- Employers like workers who can _____ problems.
- Workers need to be able to _____ their work with their team.
- Workers need to _____ their writing skills.
- It is important that workers can _____ between truth and lies.
- Employees in the 21st century _____ more responsibility.
- Employers like their workers to _____ decisions.