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LISTENING

1 You will hear a conversation about the human body. You will hear the recording **twice**. Before you listen, read the sentences below. While you listen, choose the best option to complete the sentences. *An example (0) has been done for you.*

0. Only about one tenth of the cells in your body are ...

a. alive. *(b.) really you.* *c. bacteria.*

1. Bacteria are mostly ...

a. really helpful. b. bad for humans. c. neither good or bad.

2. Animals need bacteria to ...

a. fight diseases. b. provide energy. c. digest food.

3. You have ... cells in your body.

a. 7 million b. 7 trillion c. 7 octillion

4. Most of the atoms are ...

a. tiny cubes. b. not used. c. empty space.

5. You probably have mites in your ...

a. hair. b. ears. c. eyelashes.

6. Mites are very small creatures that are about ...

a. 3 millimetres long. b. a third of a millimetre long. c. 0.03 millimetres long.

7. Mites eat ...

a. dead skin. b. your eyelashes. c. tiny insects.

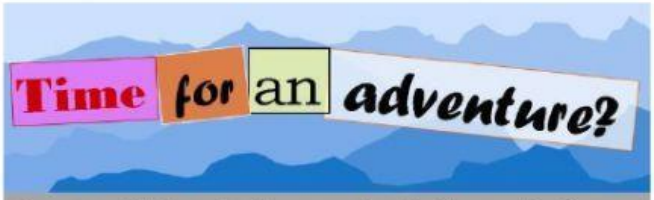
2 You will hear people talking about different problems. You will hear the recording **twice**. Before you listen, read the sentences below. While you listen, choose *True* or *False* for the sentences. *An example (0) has been done for you.*

0.	*A - The boy revised all week for his Economics exam.*	*True*	*[False]*
1.	A - It wasn't an important exam.	True	False
2.	A - His mum is worried about the cost of retaking the course.	True	False
3.	B - The girl and the dog were playing in the park.	True	False
4.	B - She took Bonzo to the vet's straight away.	True	False
5.	B - She had only had Bonzo for a short time.	True	False
6.	C - The boy was using the phone when someone stole it.	True	False
7.	C - The boy thinks he would recognise the thief.	True	False
8.	C - The dad will see if the phone is insured.	True	False

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READING

3 Read the brochure below. Then, match the activities with the correct holidays. *An example (0) has been done for you.*



Are you a bit bored with your nine-to-five routine? Have a look at our exciting range of holidays and decide what type of adventure you'd like.

Activity holidays Our activity holidays are for everyone, people who love danger or who just like sports. We have a huge variety of water, snow or desert holidays. We'll take you SCUBA diving in the Red Sea or kayaking and white water rafting in Canada. If you prefer snow, you can try skiing or snowboarding in the Alps or even igloo-building. For those who like warmer weather, we also have sandboarding (the desert version of skateboarding) or camel safaris.



Polar expeditions Take a cruise to Antarctica or the northern Arctic; explore a land of white natural beauty and wonderful wildlife. Our experts will explain everything about the two poles as you watch the penguins in Antarctica or whales and polar bears in the Arctic. There's no greater adventure than travelling to the ends of the earth. A once-in-a-lifetime experience!



Cultural journeys Our cultural journeys will help you discover ancient civilisations: India, Thailand, Egypt and many more. Visit temples, palaces and ancient ruins — just remember to bring your camera! Get to know local ways of life by exploring markets, trying exotic foods and meeting local people.



Trekking tours We have trekking holidays to famous places such as Machu Picchu or the Everest Base Camp Trek, as well as some nearer to home in the Highlands of Scotland. You don't need to be very sporty, just fairly fit. You'll have a great time enjoying nature with a group of new friends. Some of the holidays include camping, but we'll transport the tents for you!



Wildlife holidays We organise small-group tours to get closer to nature in Africa, Asia or South America. Go on safari in Africa and watch lions and giraffes. Meet the famous turtles of the Galapagos Islands. Look for tigers in India, or take an elephant safari in Sri Lanka. We use local guides and stay in a range of accommodation, from tents to tree houses.



0. visit the South Pole B

1. see lions
2. try different local food
3. follow a local guide
4. visit Scotland
5. go kayaking
6. learn about foreign cultures
7. climb mountains
8. see whales
9. try different sports

A. Activity holidays

B. Polar expeditions

C. Cultural journeys

D. Trekking tours

E. Wildlife holidays

4 Read the article about skills you need for the 21st-century workplace. Then, complete the sentences with one word from the box. *An example (0) has been done for you.*

ICT* *Information and Communication Technology*

Have you got the skills you need for the 21st-century workplace?

We need to develop all kinds of skills to survive in the 21st century. Some, like ICT skills and knowledge of the digital world, are taught explicitly in schools in the UK. Here are five less obvious ones for you to think about. These are the sorts of skills that employers may ask you questions about in interviews, so it's a good idea to think about how good you are in these areas. What are your strengths and weaknesses?



Imagination

In the age of technology that we are living in now, it is no longer enough to keep on making the same products. Employers need people who can imagine new approaches and new ideas.

Think: Think of an object or gadget you use every day. How could it be improved? Can you think of three improvements?



Problem solving

Employers will value workers who are able to see problems before they happen and come up with creative solutions.

Think: Imagine you are organising an end-of-term social event at school. Think of some problems that you could face. Can you think of any solutions?



Communication skills

Workers will have to be good communicators. They will have to be able to negotiate and discuss key issues and also write in a clear way without using too many words.

Think: How do people communicate with each other in the 21st century?



Critical analysis

Employers want workers who are able to recognise the difference between information that can be believed and false information.

Think: Use the internet to find out three facts about a celebrity or famous figure. Can you verify the information by checking other websites?



Decision making

Individual workers have a growing amount of responsibility. It is important to be able to evaluate a situation and be confident in making a decision.

Think: Which three things could you do to (a) be healthier (b) do better at school and (c) help others? Make a decision now to do at least one of these things. Then ... just do it!

have	make	value	differentiate
develop	discuss	~~teach~~	solve

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0. *UK schools and colleges* _____*teach*_____ *ICT skills.*
1. Employers_____people with ideas for new approaches.
2. Employers like workers who can_____problems.
3. Workers need to be able to_____their work with their team.
4. Workers need to_____their writing skills.
5. It is important that workers can_____between truth and lies.
6. Employees in the 21st century_____more responsibility.
7. Employers like their workers to_____decisions

WRITING

Your friend Sam from Wales is thinking about getting a summer job. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- comment on the plan,
- ask for more details about the job,
- write about your own experience with summer jobs.

You should write **120 words.**