TASK 1

IT'S AS EASY AS APP

What are the basic skills that 1_____ child starting school should learn? For many centuries the obvious answer was: reading, writing and arithmetic. Quite recently computer classes (ICT) have been made an obligatory part of national curriculums to teach students how to use basic programmes. These days, 2_____, more and more countries are starting to realise that to succeed in the 21st century pupils should be able to create their own software.

In fact, some schools in the UK are planning to get rid of ICT lessons and replace them 3_____ programming classes that would involve building websites, designing games and mobile phone apps. They hope that today's generation of children, who are already familiar with using smartphones and practically living in the world of social media, will soon become the designers of the future.

Education authorities have no problem convincing students' parents that 4_____ skills are important. A recent survey shows that 94% of them believe that computer skills are 5_____ for the job market. Examples of British teenagers who have managed to sell their apps to big corporations also help make the decision easy. After all, who wouldn't want their child to become a millionaire?

1 a some	**b** all	**c** any
2 a although	**b** however	**c** despite
3 a for	**b** with	**c** from
4 a so	**b** this	**c** such
5 a essential	**b** unnecessary	**c** modern

TASK 2

LIVEWORKSHEETS

THE ZEBRA MYSTERY