

Getting a Job in IT

Before you watch

1. Think and discuss.

a. What jobs can people do in IT?

b. What skills do you think an IT worker needs? Choose three:

☐ communication ☐ customer service ☐ cooking ☐ troubleshooting ☐ teamwork ☐ technical skills ☐ driving

c. Where can IT workers find jobs?

First viewing

2. What is the main purpose of the video?

- ☐ A. To explain how to become a computer programmer
☐ B. To give advice about finding a job in the tech industry
☐ C. To explain how to repair a computer
☐ D. To describe one person's IT career

3. What four pieces of advice does the video give? Match the advice to the correct idea.

Advice	Idea
1. Do your research	A. Talk to people you know
2. Update your resume	B. Look for IT jobs in different industries
3. Use your network	C. Learn about the jobs you want
4. Be open	D. Show your technical skills

Answers: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

Second viewing

4. What does an IT specialist do?

An IT specialist installs and maintains computer _____, _____ and networks.

They also help users with _____.

5. Education and skills

a. You will typically need a degree in: ☐ business ☐ computer science or information systems ☐ English ☐ engineering

b. Industry _____ can help you stand out during your job search.

c. Three important skills are:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

6. **Finding a job.** Complete the sentences with the following words:

network **resume** **skills** **research** **opportunities**

a. Do your _____ before choosing a career path.

b. Update your _____.

c. Highlight your technical _____.

d. Use your _____ and talk to people you know.

e. Networking can open doors to new _____.

Third viewing

7. Watch the video one more time. Decide if each statement is True (T) or False (F).

Statement	T	F
1. IT specialists only work for technology companies.	☐	☐
2. Technology is constantly changing.	☐	☐
3. You should send exactly the same resume to every company.	☐	☐
4. You should highlight your technical skills on your resume.	☐	☐
5. People from your college courses can be part of your network.	☐	☐

6. IT jobs are only available in the tech industry.	☐	☐
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Vocabulary

8. Match the words with their meanings.

1. maintain 2. troubleshooting 3. certification 4. resume 5. network 6. opportunity

- a. ☐ a document that describes your education, skills, and work experience
- b. ☐ a chance to do or get something
- c. ☐ a group of people you know professionally
- d. ☐ to keep something working correctly
- e. ☐ finding and solving problems with technology
- f. ☐ an official document showing that you have a particular skill or qualification

Answers: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

After watching

9. Apply the advice. Imagine that you are looking for your first IT job after completing your associate's degree.

1. A type of IT job I am interested in:

2. One technical skill I can put on my resume:

3. One person I could contact in my network:

4. One thing I could research about this job:

5. One type of company or industry where I could look for an IT job:

On the Padlet, respond to question **A, B or C:**

Useful Vocabulary: I'm interested in... / I have experience with... / I need to improve... / I could contact... / I should research... / I could look for jobs in...

A. "What kind of IT job are you interested in, and why?"

B. "What can you do to improve your chances of getting this job?"

C. Complete the sentence: To get a job in IT, I should _____