

Lessons 3-4 A world of opportunity

The Mubadala Youth Forum: inspiring a new generation of professionals

The Mubadala Youth Forum helps students find out about education and career opportunities open to young UAE students in and around Abu Dhabi. It is an event that is full of energy and optimism. Hundreds of Emirati university students attend, all ready to plan their future working lives. The forum provides students with advice and ideas from leading government, business and community leaders. The Mubadala organisation also organises tours, which enable students to find out about the many vocational opportunities that are open to them. 'It is really incredible – you don't realise just how many types of career paths are available in a sector like renewable energy,' said one 15-year-old attendee as he finished his tour of Masdar City; a city which is working to build the world's most sustainable urban development.

The annual forum offers students the chance to explore their personal strengths and areas of interest. In addition, there is information on how to gain practical skills that will help them in their transition from school or university to the world of work. The forum is successfully encouraging students to explore science, technology, engineering and maths – subjects which are of great importance for many of the Emirate's new industries.

Read the article in detail. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The Mubadala Youth Forum is a conference for all students in the Middle East.
- 2 The event is open to anyone who is looking for a job.
- 3 After the forum, students have a better idea of what jobs are available.
- 4 The visit to Masdar City was organised by Abu Dhabi University.
- 5 New Emirati industries need people skilled in maths.