



READING ASESMENT FOURTH UNIT

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Level: Intermediate

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COMPETENCIA: Lee textos escritos en inglés como lengua extranjera.

CAPACIDAD: Infiere e interpreta información del texto escrito.

DESEMPEÑO PRECISADO: Deduce diversas relaciones lógicas y jerárquicas de un texto escrito y lo contrasta con su opinión.

A.- Read the text carefully then answer the questions.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS



In the past, people left school, found a job and then continued to do that job for the rest of their lives. So, they only learned the skills for one specific job. But nowadays, most people do a number of jobs during their lifetime. This might be because they want to change jobs or perhaps they have to change jobs because they become unemployed. Today it is still important to learn skills for a particular job, but it is also important to learn 'transferable skills'. These are skills that we can use in not just one job but in almost any job.

So, what are the most important transferable skills for the 21st century? Of course, in just about any job you need IT skills. Computers and new technology are everywhere. If you're a shop assistant, an architect or a mechanic, you must be comfortable using new technology.

But even a highly-skilled user of new technologies needs other skills. Very few people work completely alone. So in order to be successful you have to be able to communicate well with others. Good communication is an interpersonal skill. Other interpersonal skills include leadership and teamwork. These are highly valued by employers. Can you motivate others and direct them if necessary? On the other hand, are you able to listen to and take orders from others? Can you work together as part of a bigger team? That's important if you work for a top international bank or

if you work in a local café. Creating a good impression on customers and colleagues is essential in almost all jobs, too.

Other general skills are important too. Maths is one of them. A waiter needs to be able to count money and give correct change. Bankers work with numbers and so do shop assistants. Using your hands can be useful in a number of jobs, too. And then there's problem solving. In any job there are situations that we are not ready for. It's important that you can react to those situations in a positive way and find solutions.

Finally, employers are interested in your personal qualities. Are you well-organised? Are you reliable and responsible? Most employers will also look for people who are ambitious and want to continue learning and improving in their job, so that the company moves forward too. In the end, perhaps this is the most important transferable skill of all – the desire to keep learning new things. As Albert Einstein said, 'Once you stop learning, you start dying!'



- 1 Why were transferable skills less important in the past?
- 2 Who needs IT skills and why?
- 3 What are examples of 'interpersonal' skills and why are they necessary?
- 4 Who is maths important for?
- 5 What skill is important when there are situations we did not expect?
- 6 Do employers usually want ambitious or unambitious people? Why?

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