

# LISTENING PRACTICE

## SKILLS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WORKPLACE



### 1) Drag the phrases to the correct place to discover some information about the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

analyse information  
good at making decisions

communicate well  
the 21st century

problem solving  
age of technology

We are living in <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Some people call it the <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

We need to learn skills such as <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and we need to be able to

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with other people around the world. Employers are looking for people who can <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ well, people who are able to recognise whether information is reliable or not. They also like people who are <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ without asking for help.

### 2) Listen to the audio.

### 3) Choose true or false.

1. 21st-century skills are not taught in schools in the UK.	True	False
2. Employers like workers to be imaginative.	True	False
3. Employers want workers to think about possible problems.	True	False
4. Employers like workers to be original when solving problems.	True	False
5. Future workers will need to be able to write concisely.	True	False
6. People communicate with each other less in the 21st century.	True	False
7. Employers believe it is useful to know a lot of information about celebrities.	True	False
8. Employers don't want workers to make decisions without asking them.	True	False

### 4) Complete the ideas with the words from the box.

have	make	value	differentiate
develop	discuss	teach	solve

1. UK schools and colleges \_\_\_\_\_ ICT skills.
2. Employers \_\_\_\_\_ people with ideas for new approaches.
3. Employers like workers who can \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
4. Workers need to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ their work with their team.
5. Workers need to \_\_\_\_\_ their writing skills.
6. It is important that workers can \_\_\_\_\_ between truth and lies.
7. Employees in the 21st century \_\_\_\_\_ more responsibility.
8. Employers like their workers to \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.