

LISTENING PRACTICE

SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WORKPLACE



1) Drag the phrases to the correct place to discover some information about the 21st century.

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| analyse information | communicate well | problem solving |
| good at making decisions | the 21st century | age of technology |

We are living in ¹ _____. Some people call it the ² _____.

We need to learn skills such as ³ _____ and we need to be able to
⁴ _____ with other people around the world. Employers are looking for people who
 can ⁵ _____ well, people who are able to recognise whether information is reliable
 or not. They also like people who are ⁶ _____ without asking for help.

2) Listen to the audio.

3) Choose true or false.

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| 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.

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| have | make | value | differentiate |
| develop | discuss | teach | solve |

- UK schools and colleges _____ ICT skills.
- Employers _____ people with ideas for new approaches.
- Employers like workers who can _____ problems.
- Workers need to be able to _____ their work with their team.
- Workers need to _____ their writing skills.
- It is important that workers can _____ between truth and lies.
- Employees in the 21st century _____ more responsibility.
- Employers like their workers to _____ decisions.