

5 WORK SKILLS LANGUAGES WILL GIVE YOU



ADAPTABILITY



In class: Learning a new language involves adapting your brain to new ways of thinking, leading to open-mindedness and flexibility.

At work: Adapting to changing situations is particularly important in fast-moving environments such as business, healthcare or government.

Career paths: Civil servant, finance officer, nurse

COMMUNICATION



In class: You will practise with a partner in class, using body language and careful listening skills to improve your confidence, vocabulary and grammar.

At work: Whether with colleagues or customers, attentive listening skills and awareness of body language are key to good professional relationships.

Career paths: Counsellor, GP, HR officer

CRITICAL THINKING



In class: In learning about another society and culture, you will question your assumptions, prejudices and what you think of as “normal”.

At work: Evaluating different sources and viewpoints to get to the truth is important in fields such as journalism and the law.

Career paths: Barrister, investigative journalist, social worker

INDEPENDENCE



In class: You'll learn to work on your own with diligence as you develop your vocabulary and learn grammatical rules.

At work: Some jobs require the discipline to work alone for long periods, such as writers, editors, traffic wardens and trades jobs.

Career paths: Copy editor, electrician, software engineer

PROBLEM SOLVING



In class: You won't always be able to recall the phrase you need, so you'll have to think creatively to express yourself clearly.

At work: Engineers, technology professionals and medical scientists specialise in finding creative solutions to problems that have yet to be overcome.

Career paths: Animator, civil engineer, research scientist

