

Teens: Skills and Career 1



Warm up:

- What job do you expect to have in the future? Is it the same as your dream job? If not, why?
- What skills do you think are important for that job? Do you think you have them?
- What subjects do you enjoy most at school? Why?
- Have you had any part-time jobs? What did you learn from them?
- What job could you never do and why?
- What skills do you admire in others that you would like to develop?
- What extracurricular activities do you think could help you prepare for your future career?



1. Read and discuss.

Hi everyone! I'm Alex Rivera, a wildlife photographer. I travel the world to capture the beauty of animals in their natural habitats, which allows me to explore amazing ecosystems and raise awareness about conservation.

In my work, patience is crucial because I often wait hours for the perfect shot. Creativity helps me find unique angles and perspectives, while technical skills ensure I know how to use my camera effectively. I also need to be adaptable, as nature can be unpredictable and I must be ready for anything!

I love my job because it combines my passion for nature with my desire to inspire others. Who knows, maybe some of you will follow in my footsteps one day!



1. What are three key skills that Alex highlights as essential for wildlife photography?
2. Alex mentions that patience is super important in his job. Can you give an example of a time when patience was important in your life?
3. What do you think about the job of a wildlife photographer? Do you think you would enjoy it? Why or why not?



2. Match the job titles in the box to the correct photo.

daycare assistant mechanic baker	nurse manager graphic designer	delivery driver dentist chef	customer care rep tennis coach fashion model
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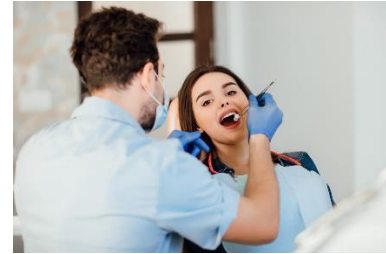
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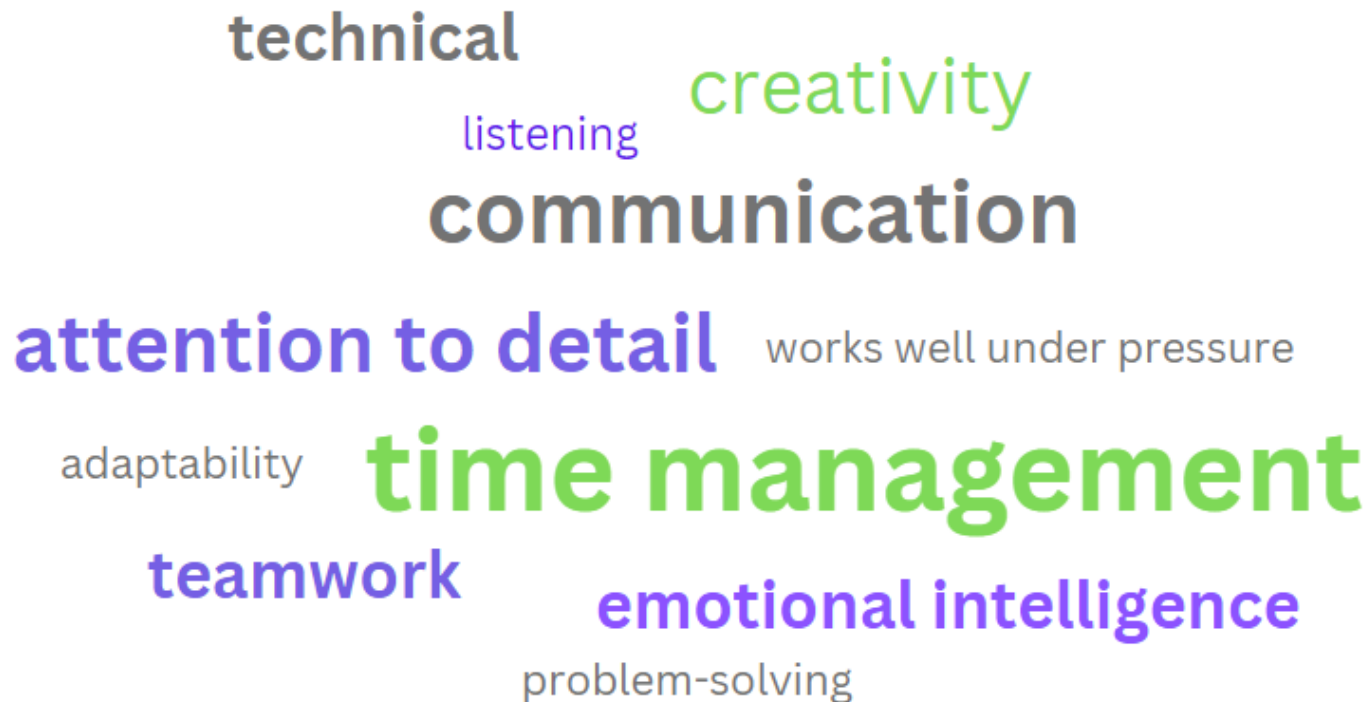
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3. Take a look at the word cloud below and add any additional skills you can think of. Afterwards, discuss with your classmates which skills are important for each job listed in Exercise 1.

For example:

A wildlife photographer should have a lot of patience, as getting the perfect picture often means waiting a long time without bothering the animals. Also, they must have good technical skills to use their camera well, including how to adjust the lighting, focus, and exposure.





4. Mark the following skills with 😊 (Yes), 😐 (Not Sure), or 😞 (No).

Skills	😊	😐	😞
1. I have good listening skills.			
2. I can speak more than one language.			
3. I know how to use Microsoft Word.			
4. I can manage my time well.			
5. I can follow instructions easily.			
6. I am a fast learner.			
7. I am friendly to my classmates.			
8. I am reliable and responsible.			
9. I am patient when learning something new.			
10. I set goals for myself.			
11. I can do basic math.			
12. I am creative.			
13. I work well in a team.			
14. I like finding solutions to problems.			
15. I am good with money.			
16. I know basic first aid.			
17. I can research information for projects.			
18. I can speak confidently in front of a group.			
19. I understand the importance of hard work.			
20. I can understand and share the feelings of others.			
21. I am curious and excited to learn new things.			



5. Discussion (in pairs or small groups): Reflect on your skills from exercise 4.

1. Select a skill you rated highly and one you rated lower. Explain to the class why you chose those skills and what they mean to you.
2. Are there any skills from the list that you want to improve? What steps can you take to get better at these skills?
3. Think about your partner's skills: Are there any skills they marked as "Not Sure" or "No" that you think they actually have? Can you help them see their strengths?
4. Can you share a time from school, sports, or a part-time job when you used one of the skills we talked about? What happened, and what did you learn?

Fun Debate:

- Which is more important for most jobs: technical skills (like using computers) or soft skills (like teamwork)? Why?
- Do you think schools should teach more life skills (like budgeting or cooking)? Why or why not?



6. Match the words to their definitions.

1. job vacancy	
2. CV	
3. cover letter	
4. interview	
5. references	
6. job description	
7. application form	
8. employer	



- a) A letter that explains why you want a job and why you are a good fit for it.
- b) A person or organization that hires people to work for them.
- c) People who can speak about your skills and experience.
- d) A document that lists your education, work experience, and skills.
- e) An open position that a company needs to fill.
- f) A form you fill out to apply for a job, providing your personal information and work history.
- g) A paper that explains what a job involves and what skills you need.
- h) A meeting to ask questions and decide if someone is a good fit for a job.



7. Read the job vacancy below and answer the following questions.

we are hiring

PART-TIME BARISTA

We are looking for a friendly and reliable part-time Barista to join our team! The job includes making coffee, serving customers, and keeping the café clean. You will work with other staff members to provide excellent customer service. Experience is helpful, but not required—we will provide training.

Skills Needed:

- Good communication skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Time management
- Friendly and positive attitude

How to Apply:

Please send your CV and a short cover letter explaining why you would like to work at The Bean Café to jobs@beancafe.com. We will contact selected applicants for an interview. Please include the names of two references who can speak about your skills and experience.



1. Who is the employer?

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2. What is the job vacancy for?

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3. What does the job description say? What will the Barista do?

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4. What skills do you need for this job?

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5. What documents do you need to send to apply?

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6. How do you apply for the job?

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7. What happens after you apply?

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8. What are references, and why do you need them?

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8. Discuss the following questions in pairs or small groups.

- Would you apply for this job? Why or why not?
- What part of the job do you think would be the most challenging for you?
- What skills would you need to improve to feel more confident applying for this job?
- How do you think this job could help you in your future career?
- What do you think is the best part of working at a café? Why?
- If you were the employer, what kind of person would you want to hire for this position?
- What do you think the work environment at The Bean Café would be like?



9. Create your own job ad.

Create a job ad for a position you find interesting. Include the job title, a brief description, required skills, and how to apply. Then, design a simple logo for the company or job you're advertising.

For example:

Job Title: Part-Time Dog Walker

Description: You will walk dogs for 1-2 hours every day. You will also make sure the dogs are safe and happy during their walks.

Skills Needed: Must love animals, be responsible, and be able to manage time well.

How to Apply: Send your CV and a short cover letter explaining why you love dogs to dogs@woof!.com.





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