What makes you employable?

DISCUSSION & VIDEO

1. Discuss:
   - What does employability mean to you?
   - Which of the aspects given below are connected to employability in your opinion? Why and how?

   - personal brand
   - communication
   - ethical behaviour
   - time management
   - troubleshooting
   - teamworking
   - specialist skills
   - attitude
   - flexibility
   - languages

2. Watch the video to see what experts think employability means.
   - Are they similar to your opinion?
   - To what extent do you agree with their views?
   - How can we develop employability skills while still at school/university?
What makes you employable?

VOCABULARY

3. Match words from box A with words from box B to make common phrases. Then, match them with their meanings.

BOX A

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MEANINGS:

a) to decide what to believe about something after you have considered the facts
b) to dedicate or devote oneself to something
c) to take advantage of something when it happens
d) to experience in a direct way by doing something yourself
e) things that you do at school or college that are not part of your course
f) to do something to achieve an aim or deal with a problem

VIDEO

4. Ask and answer these questions in pairs:

- What skills did you gain from your degree?
- What advice would you give to students about future employment?
- What are the most important skills people look for in an employee?
- What was your career plan once you finished university?

5. Watch the video and note down the answers to the four questions above.

5-MINUTE DEBATE

6. Work in pairs or groups and discuss whether you agree with the statement:

Don’t work for the money, work to do a good job!