

THEME 6 HELPFUL TIPS LISTENING SKILL (SPICE UP)

A. Listen to Mr Evans talking to the students. Tick the pieces of advice you hear. (Tapescript 6.1)

1. You should love what you do.
2. You had better get a certificate in solar energy if you want to be successful in this field.
3. You had better get on well with the technicians.
4. You should be co-operative and a good problem-solver.
5. You should all keep this in mind.

B. Listen again and circle the correct option. (Tapescript 6.1)

1. Solar cells use the sunrays/wind power to produce energy.
2. A solar energy engineer/technician installs the solar cells.
3. He sometimes/never works outdoors.
4. A university degree is necessary/unnecessary to be a solar energy engineer.
5. Solar energy industry helps reduce/remove the effects of global warming.

C. Listen to the radio show again and fill in the table. (Workbook 6.1)

	Item	Problem	Cause
1st caller	table		
2nd caller			
3rd caller			

Tapescript 6.1

Sam Evans: Good morning. My name is Sam Evans. I'm really happy to be here on the fifth annual Hemington High School Career Day. I'm a solar energy engineer, and today, I'm ready to answer your questions about my job.

Student 1: It's great to have you here at our school, Mr Evans. What exactly does a solar engineer do?

Sam Evans: Well, a solar engineer designs solar cells to collect and use the sunrays to generate electricity.

Student 2: Where do you usually work, indoors or outdoors?

Sam Evans: I usually plan and design the projects in the office, but sometimes I also go to the site to guide the technicians installing the solar cells. This is a great advantage if you like to work outside an office, I suppose.

Student 3: Could you give us some tips on how to become a solar engineer, please?

Sam Evans: Well, you must have a degree in mechanical or electronic engineering. Also, you had better get a certificate in solar energy if you want to be really successful in this field.

Student 4: I'm not sure if this job is right for me. What are the best personality traits for this job?

Sam Evans: First of all, you should be co-operative and a good problem-solver because most of the time, you have to work with a team. Safety is also very important, so you should be cautious all the time.

Student 5: Is it easy to find a job in this sector?

Sam Evans: Sure. The solar power industry is rapidly growing day by day as it greatly helps reduce the effects of global warming. Therefore, solar energy engineering has gained much importance nowadays, and I'm so sure it will be one of the most popular jobs in the future. By the way, it's also a well-paid job. You should all keep this in mind.

Workbook 6.1

Dorothy: Good morning. Dorothy's here to solve your problem. How may I help you? Let me hear it.

1st caller: Bonnie and Clyde, my naughty cats, played on my wooden table. Its surface is scratched. Please give me a hand. I'm very sorry as it was a present from my grandma.

Dorothy: Don't cry over spilt milk. If it's slightly scratched, mix equal amounts of lemon juice and olive oil. Put the mixture on the scratches. It's important to rub with a cotton cloth in the direction of the scratches until they disappear.

1st caller: Great. Thank you so much, Dorothy. I'll try that.

Dorothy: Good morning. Dorothy is speaking. What's the problem, please?

2nd caller: Hi, Dorothy! Any kind of chore in the house drives me crazy, but I'm responsible for the dishes. My roommate forgot a pan in the oven and burnt it. Now it's stained. How can I remove the stain?

Dorothy: First, put some baking soda on the bottom of the pan and then wet it. There, it becomes a paste. You should let this baking soda paste sit on your pan for several minutes or longer. Next, you can clean the pan with a damp sponge.

2nd caller: Wow! That's very helpful. Thanks a lot.

Dorothy: Hello. Dorothy speaking. How can I help you?

3rd caller: There was a very bad storm last night, and I found my lovely rocking chair cracked in the morning. I glued the broken leg of the chair back together, but I'm not sure if it's strong enough. Can you tell me where I can get cheap and powerful screws, please?

Dorothy: You can find them in any local DIY shop. You'd better try Diydeck, which is the best.

3rd caller: OK. Sounds great!