

THEME 1 FUTURE JOBS LISTENING SKILL

1. Listen to the conversation and tick the correct sentences. Then, correct the false sentences. (Track 1)

Career counselor: Good afternoon, Mr. Taylor. Please have a seat.

Client: Good morning. Thank you.

Career counselor: So, you've come to our firm because you want to find out which career is the best for you.

Client: Yes, I have. I will graduate from university in a month and I don't want to make a mistake about my first job. I need some guidance about my future job.

Career counselor: I understand. You know some students are going to be teachers, some are going to be doctors and some are going to be fashion designers. But the most important thing is what they would like to be. What are you going to do in your future career?

Client: Uhm, I'm not sure about that.

Career counselor: Then, let's go step by step, Mr. Taylor. What is your department at college?

Client: Computer Engineering. And I'll graduate with flying colors. I am the best student in the whole department.

Career counselor: I see. There are many alternatives available to you in your field, Mr. Taylor. Don't you think so?

Client: Yes, yes I know. But, I am not sure I want to be a programmer. It doesn't sound fun. I'm not sure if I want to be an employee in a firm. I don't want to have too many responsibilities. I think I won't like it.

Career counselor: Hmm. I guess you want something with more creativity in it. But, you know that there are many fields in computer engineering such as writing applications of all kinds, writing programs for computer games. You can specialize in hardware or software.

Client: I know, but it looks all the same to me. I feel like I'll get bored.

Career counselor: Really? Because the digital world and computers are always developing, and always changing. They're going to be very popular in the upcoming years. Besides, most computer engineers have very good incomes.

Client: That's right, but still ...

Career counselor: OK, Mr. Taylor. I see you don't feel comfortable about starting your career as a computer engineer, so I'm not going to bother you. I'm glad you've come to us then because now, as your counselor, I can look at other career opportunities for you and also, find out about your qualifications and skills. In addition, we're going to look at what inspires and motivates you: A high salary? A peaceful workplace? We have many tests to do that. Of course, it isn't going to be easy; it's going to take some time. However, it will be worth it as Michel de Montaigne said "No wind favors he who has no destined port." We have to find your target.

Client: Great. When can we start?

Career counselor: Well, we can start tomorrow if you're available.

Client: Yes, sure. I am free after nine a. m.

Career counselor: Perfect. Shall we say 9.30, then?

Client: OK. I'll see you at 9.30 tomorrow!

1. Mr. Taylor's last graduation was from high school. _____
2. Mr. Taylor hasn't started working yet. _____
3. There are many job opportunities for computer engineers. _____
4. There aren't many fields in computer engineering. _____
5. Mr. Taylor wants to have many responsibilities in the office. _____
6. Mr. Taylor will do some tests to find out about his future job. _____