

Soft Skills in the Modern Workplace - Dialogue

Gap Fill Exercise:

Leilani: Hey Tyson! Did you see that article about how less than (1) _____ of companies think (2) _____ graduates are (3) _____ for work these days?

Tyson: Oh yeah! It's pretty (4) _____. Apparently, only 12% of (5) _____ think we're prepared for the workforce!

Leilani: That's so low! You know, I've been focusing on building my (6) _____ and (7) _____ skills through the debate club.

Tyson: Smart thinking! I heard (8) _____ and emotional (9) _____ are super important too. My (10) _____ got canceled during COVID, so I missed out on (11) _____ those skills.

Leilani: Ugh, that's rough! But hey, you're showing (12) _____ by taking those online (13) _____, right?

Tyson: Exactly! They're helping me with (14) _____ and critical (15) _____. But honestly, I'm a bit worried about the workplace (16) _____.

Leilani: Same here! Though my mentor says (17) _____ is key - we just need to keep learning and growing.

Tyson: That's true! And we can practice (18) _____ and active listening right here on campus.

Leilani: For sure! Plus, I've noticed companies are offering more training (19) _____ nowadays.

Tyson: Yeah, and you know what's interesting? Even with all this AI technology, companies say soft skills like communication and teamwork are more (20) _____ than ever!

True/False Exercise:

1. Tyson's internship was successful during COVID.
2. Only technical skills are important in the workplace.
3. Companies are not offering any training programs for new graduates.
4. Less than half of executives think new graduates are prepared for work.