

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. SKILLS. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. What are some practical skills you have?

I have a few practical skills, particularly connected to my business, such as video editing. I can use Photoshop and various programs for my business. I can also cook at home and yeah, I think I have quite a few medium level skills, so I would say that I am a Jack of all trades.

Part 1. Do you like learning new skills?

I really like learning new skills, actually. Maybe too much because I like to learn new skills and then maybe I don't learn it deeply or fully, and then I move on to the next skill, but I really like developing myself through YouTube or online courses, that's something I really enjoy doing.

Part 2. Describe a practical skill that you have.

I'd like to tell you about video editing. About three or four years ago, I started shooting videos with my phone and uploading to YouTube. I guess it was about three years ago, and at the start I had no skills and I didn't take any course or anything and I quite enjoyed it at the start, but as time went by, I enjoyed it more and more, and I upgraded my equipment and got microphones and editing software and all these things, and it became a really deep hobby and a deep interest for me. Naturally, it became a practical skill I can use in my business and perhaps use to help other businesses or other people in the future.

So let me tell you a little more about video editing. Video editing is a very deep skill in that, on the one hand, it's easy to learn, you can cut video movies, whatever and stick them together and make something new. That's very easy to do, but as you learn, the skill is very deep. There's a high ceiling for the skill, it's an ongoing process learning how to develop and put different images on the screen and various things like that. For me personally, it has opened up a lot of opportunities for me. I developed my YouTube channel. I have a few different YouTube channels. I've tried vlogs, various things like that. There's lots of different types of video editing. For me, it's been a really important hobby for a few years now. In the future, I hope to continue developing this skill. I think there's still lots to learn, and I still haven't even taken a proper course.

Part 2. What skills are valued most in your country?

I would say cooking is really valued in England among family. It's a really good skill to have family and friends. So I'd say that's a good skill to have. Interpersonal skills are so important nowadays. There's a lot of skills we can have, like computer programming, video editing, these technical skills, but it's very important to have interpersonal skills on top of that, in order to be able to sell yourself and interact with other people, that's really, really important. I would say interpersonal skills are probably the most important ones nowadays.

Part 2. Compare the importance of practical skills and academic skills.

I think practical skills are those that you are using regularly. The things that come to my mind are the things like cooking, repairing things, building things. Those kind of things come to my mind very quickly, whereas academic skills related to things like knowledge, knowledge building, learning that kind of stuff. In terms of comparing them, I think it just depends on the person. It's... I find more interest in practical skills. I like honing those skills, developing them, and I want to eventually master some of them.

You know, with cooking, for example, you get a very tangible results to what you're doing. Whereas academic skills... it's not really a field I have been so much involved with in terms of my interest

VOCABULARY

academic (adjective) - related to school or learning, like reading books and solving math problems

connected (adjective) - when things are joined or linked together, like dots in a picture

cut (verb) - to divide or separate something with scissors or a knife

deeply (adverb) - to a great extent, like caring a lot about a friend

develop (verb) - to grow or make something get bigger, like a plant growing from a seed

equipment (noun) - tools or things needed for a particular activity, like pencils and notebooks for school

eventually (adverb) - at some point in the future, like reaching the top of a mountain after climbing

fully (adverb) - completely or all the way, like having a backpack fully packed

high ceiling - is often used to describe a person's or something's potential for growth, achievement, or success. For example, if someone has a "high ceiling" in their career, it means they have the potential to achieve great success

hobby (noun) - an activity you enjoy doing for fun, like drawing or playing a sport

honing (noun) - sharpening or improving a skill, like practicing piano to get better

interact (verb) - to talk or do things with others, like playing games with friends

interpersonal (adjective) - related to how people interact or get along with each other

Jack of all trades (idiom) - a person who can do many different types of work, but who perhaps does not do them very well

master (noun) - someone who is really good at something, like a master of puzzles