

# **Business Skills for IT.**

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## **Business Skills for IT.**

### 1. Learn the vocabulary you need. Write the words in your language.

BUSINESS SKILLS			
apply	aplicar	layout disposición	
brochure	folleto	merge combinar	
chart	grafico	personal preference preferencia personal	
clipboard	portapapeles	reminder recordatorio	
configure	configurar	sort ordenar	
correspondence	correspondencia	spreadsheet hoja de calculo	
customise	personalizar	table tabla	
display	mostrar	track rastrear	
enhance	mejorar	workbook libro de trabajo	
event	evento		

SOFTWARE		
add-on	complemento	licensee licencia
cash flow	flujo de efectivo	module modulo
cloud-based	basado en la nube	payroll nomina
copyright	derechos de autor	shareware software compartido
database	base de datos	subscription suscripcion
efficiency	eficiencia	task tarea
encode	codificar	third-party program programa de terceros
existing	existente	trial version version de prueba
fee	tarifa	utilities utilidades
licence	licencia	vendor vendedor

EXTRA!		
adaptive content contenido adaptado	default program programa por defecto	
alpha software version de prueba alpha	freeware version gratis	
character encoding caracter codificado	pivot table tabla de movimiento	
commercial software programa comercial	public domain dominio publico	
custom slides barras delizadoras personalizadas	service pack servicio de envoltura	
data analysis analisis de datos	visual presentation presentacion visual	

2. Read the advert. Then match the skills below to the correct points (1-6) in the advert. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_01)



a)	using e-mail efficient	ly punto 4	d)	saving and organising doc	uments	punto 1
b)	doing calculations	punto 3	e)	preparing slideshows	punto 6	•
c)	creating Word tex	ts in different	f)	coordinating meetings	numto F	
format	ts punto 2				punto 5	

3. A potential client (A) is talking to a business school secretary (B). Choose the correct answers. Then listen to the dialogue and check your answers. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_02)

**A:** Hello, I'm calling about the BUSINESS IS BEST certification course I saw advertised on your website/advert.

**B:** Hi, my name's Fred - I'm the course secretary. Do you want to apply for the online course or come to classes?

A: If I want to do an online course, when does the next one start?

**B:** They haven't got fixed dates. You can start/come at any time. What interests you about this course?

A: I need more business experience so I can get a better job.

**B:** I see. What skills do you specifically need for your work?

**A:** I need to improve my presentations and learn how to design/enter charts in spreadsheets. In addition, I'd like to improve my Word skills. Will the course help me with that, too?

**B:** Yes. You'll learn how to create, edit and save documents/functions and insert charts and tables.

**A:** Sounds good. I need to keep up-to-date, too. These office programs are always adding new features.

**B:** That's true. You seem to have a good basic knowledge. So, I recommend you take the beginner's/advanced course.

A: Who should I contact if there are any problems?

**B:** There is a free phone number, you can call if you need help with anything.

4. Read the dialogue in Exercise 2 again. Then match A to B to form sentences.

A

1. The customer wants to take a. information about the course.

2. The course doesn't begin b. the beginner's course.

3. The customer needs to improve c. on a particular day.

4. The secretary supplies d. an online course.

5. The customer isn't familiar with e. his computer skills.

6. The secretary doesn't suggest f. all the latest program features.

- 5. Working with Vocabulary. Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then choose the best option to complete the sentence. (Audio: Computing SB CD3 03)
  - 1. E-mail correspondence is
    - a. very important for today's businesses.
    - b. not used by modern businesses.

- 2. You can use a table to
  - a write a message.
  - b. compare two devices.
- 3. Working with a spreadsheet helps you
  - a. do calculations.
  - b. save documents.
- 4. Brochures are often used to
  - a. enter data.
  - b. advertise products.
- 5. A chart is a type of
  - a. software.
  - b. diagram.
- 6. A workbook is the type of file
  - a. for entering and storing data.
  - b. used by designers.
- 6. Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then choose the correct answers. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_04)
  - 1. The IT department configured / applied my computer for this special task.
  - 2. If you track / sort your files into folders, they will be easier to find.
  - 3. Our company merged / customised those computers especially for a library.
  - 4. Please enhance / display that table in the presentation so we can see it more clearly.
- 7. Listen and repeat the words in colour. The words in colour are in the wrong sentences. Write the sentences correctly. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_05)
  - 1. The advertising department is working on a new reminder for the spring catalogue.
  - 2. Our public relations manager is planning a big layout for the staff next summer.
  - 3. Please send out a personal preference to the staff about next week's management meeting.
  - 4. When you cut and paste, the data is stored on the event.

5. The manager's clipboard is to hold all meetings in the morning.

personal preference

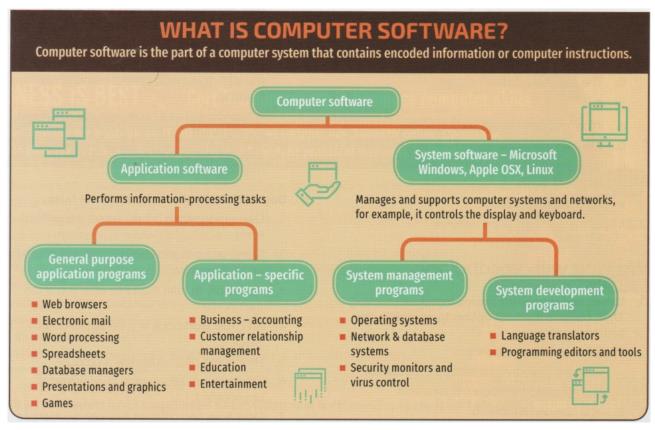
- 8. Decide if the sentences are true or false.
  - 1. **Correspondence** is only letters we write by hand.
  - 2. Some users like to **display** personal photos on their screens.
  - 3. You **apply** to take a course after you finish the course.
  - 4. An Excel **workbook** is a file with e-mails inside it.
  - 5. **Brochures** often advertise a product
  - 6. The **layout** of information in an advert is unimportant.
  - 7. Data from two different files can be **merged** into one file.  $\frac{F}{T}$
- 9. Your Turn. Listen to a conversation between an administrative assistant and her employer. Then complete the administrative assistant's work schedule. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_06)

### **Work Schedule: Paula**

	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Morning	Work with Janet on her presentation	Organize Mr. Watson	Software Conference
Afternoon	Send reminders about	meet with Mr. Watson	Software Conference

### **Software**

10. Read the infographic. Then answer the questions below. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_07)



- 1. What are the two main types of software? System application software.
- 2. What type of software is word processing? Word processing is application software.
- 3. What type of software is Microsoft Windows? Windows is system software.
- 4. Which types of programs are able to check for viruses in your computer? monitors can check for viruses.
- 5. Education is an example of which type of software? Education is an example of application-specific software.
- 11. Listen to the mini-dialogues between a business customer and a software developer and fill in the missing words. Which questions are asked by the customer and which by the developer? (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_08)
  - 1. **A:** What do you need the software to do for your company?
    - **B:** I need a program that will help me manage the cash flow, analyse <u>sales</u> and improve my accounting efficiency.

2. **A:** How can I try a demo of the software?

**B:** You can download a trial version of the software and try it for 30 days. This allows you to familiarise yourself with the programs and see how some of thehard work.

3. **A:** Is that software package very expensive?

**B:** It isn't <u>cheap</u>But you can buy the basic package now and purchase add-on modules later for an additional fee.

- 4. **A:** Are you looking to integrate this program with any other software?
  - **B:** Yes, I need a program designed by an established company so that it will easily with other software packages in the future.
- 5. **A:** Will it be difficult for me to move information from my existing software to a new program?

**B:** Not really. The information can be transferred and you will be able to use the new software in the morning.

6. **A:** What support or maintenance can you offer me for this software?

**B:** We provide a long list of FAQs on our \_\_\_\_ or you can e-mail us. Once you purchase the software, you can call our 24-hour helpdesk for assistance.

# 12. Read the mini-dialogues again. Decide if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false sentences in your notebook.

- 1. The program will help the customer manage the company's money.  $_{\sf T}$
- 2. You can download the complete program to use for 30 days.  $\mathsf{T}$
- 3. You have to buy the whole program now. F: not the complete program
- 4. There is a short delay when you change programs.
- 5. The software developer mentions three ways in which his company helps customers.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{T}}$

# 13. Working with Vocabulary. Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then match the words to the correct definition. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_09)

subscription ● efficiency ● licence ● existing ● fee ● encode

- 1. a way of doing work with the least waste of time and effort efficiency
- 2. a sum of money paid or charged for a service  $_{\mbox{\scriptsize fee}}$
- 3. put data into a sequence of characters for transmission or storage subscription
- 4. an advance payment to receive a product or service regularly encode

5. an official document that allows you to use or own something

license

6. in operation at the current time

existing

# 14. Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then choose the correct answer. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_10)

- 1. A database / task is an organised collection of information in a computer.
- 2. Payroll / Shareware is software that a user can use for free before buying the program.
- 3. A licensee / vendor is a person who has got permission to do something.
- 4. Copyright / A module is a piece of code which is created for different systems.

# 15. Listen and repeat the words in colour. Then match A to B to form sentences. (Audio: Computing\_SB\_CD3\_11)

Α

- В
- 1. Utilities inside the computer system software <sup>d</sup>
- a. that allows users to watch films. 4
- 2. A trial version allows the user c
- b. into and out of a business.  $_{\rm 6}$
- 3. A third-party program is any additional software <sup>f</sup>
- c. that isn't included in the original software program.  $_{2}$
- 4. Adobe Flash is a type of add-on software a computer. 1
- d. analyse, monitor or help maintain the computer.
- 5. Cash flow describes the payments
- e. instead of on your computer's hard drive. 5
- 6. Cloud-based means storing data and programs on the Internet b
- f. to try something for free before buying it.  $_{\mbox{\scriptsize 3}}$

### 16. Write the words below in the correct columns.

shareware ● payroll ● add-on ● trial version ● vendor ● cash flow ● licensee ● third-party program

A person	Additional software	For free	To do with money
vendor/license a	dd-on/third-party prograr	<sub>n</sub> trialversion/shareware	cashflow/payroll

## Tip!)

The suffixes -er and or are often used to refer to a person who does an action. A vend**or** is a person who vends (sells).

The suffix-ee is used to refer to a person affected by an action. A licens**ee** is a person who received a licence.

## **Vocabulary and Functional Language**

17. Find six verbs in the cable. Then use the verbs to complete the sentences below.



- 1. If you impresomething, you will improve its quality.
- 2. Sometimes IT needs to hardware and software for a special job.
- 3. When did you \_\_\_\_ for the job as a computer technician?
- 4. If you have a specific business, a technician can your computer for you.
- 5. If you want  $t\delta^{\underline{\text{ort}}}$  words into alphabetical order, the computer will start with A and end with Z.
- 6. When you collect things, you bring them together.

### 18. Complete the words in each sentence with the missing letters.

- 1. Some companies can -ra-- the searches you make on the Internet.
- 2. What do you like to d---la- on your screen? display
- 3. A ch--t shows information in a diagram. chart
- 4. How many rows do you need in your t--le?
- 5. There are often a lot of e--n-s in December. events
- 6. C---res---d--c- iscommunication by letters or e-mail. correspondence
- 7. I don't want to forget, so please send me a --m--d-r. reminder

### 19. Circle the correct continuation to show you understand the words in bold.

- 1. Your **personal preferences** are the....
  - a. history of your searches on the Internet
  - b. things you like or want

- 2. Page **layout** is often the responsibility of the....
  - a. graphic designers
  - b. sales and marketing department
- 3. A **spreadsheet** is used to...
  - a. give a price quote
  - b. calculate numbers and organise information
- 4. A **brochure** is a small magazine that contains...
  - a. pictures and information about a product or service
  - b. shipping dates
- 5. The **clipboard** stores information until you are ready to...
  - a. credit your account
  - b. put it somewhere else
- 6. A workbook contains many.....
  - a. worksheets
  - b. folders

# 20. The words in **bold** are in the wrong sentences. Write them next to the correct sentences.

- 1. Inventors usually apply for a **database** for their inventions. license
- 2. A **licence** is a set of program instructions. \_tasks
- 3. Copyright is the movement of money in and out of a business. \_cash flow
- 4. You need a subscription to drive a car. <u>per</u>mission
- 5. A task stores information in an organised way. database
- 6. If you have got a monthly **cash flow** to a magazine, you will get it every month. <u>sub</u>scription

### 21. Match A to B to form phrases.

Α

- 1. Her company has got over 2,000 employees  $_{\rm D}$
- 2. Software programs are <sub>F</sub>

- 3. In order to enhance your computer's capabilities, G
- 4. This new software will improve
- 5. Before purchasing this software,

А

- 6. This didn't come with the original software,
- 7. In order to save disk space,
- 8. We're thinking of doing business with another  ${\rm _{B}}$

В

- a. you can use a **trial version** for 30 days.
- b. software **vendor**.
- c. so it's a third-party program.

- d. on the payroll.
- e. made up of **modules**.
- f. digital audio, video and image files must be **encoded**.
- g. purchase these add-ons.
- h. our company's efficiency

## 22. Complete the dialogues with the words below. There are more words than you need.

utilities ● existing ● trial version ● fee

1. **Ann**: I don't want to buy any new software. I'm happy with the  $\frac{fee}{}$  one.

Ben: Has it got all the utilities u require?

Ann: Yes, and I only pay a small existing the month.

cloud-based ● licensee ● shaware ● licence license

2. **Cathy**: Are you the \_\_\_\_ for this proprietary software?

David: Yes, we bought it.

Cathy: Did it come with tria!?

**David**: Yes. It wasicense so we went online to test it before making the purchase.

### 23. Say It! Write the sentences in your language.

- 1. I need more business experience so I can get a better job. necesito mas experiencia para conseguir un mejor trabajo
- 2 What do you need your software to do for your company? que necesitas que haga el sofware para tu empresa?
- 3. What support or maintenance can you offer me for this software? que soporte o mantenimiento me puees ofrecer para este sofware?
  - 4. Will it be difficult for me to change information from my existing software to a new program?

sera dificiel para mi cambieara la informacion de mi software para un programa nuevo?

- 5. If I want to do an online course, when does the next one start? si quiero hacer un curso en linea, cuando comienza el proximo
- 6. I'd like to improve my Word skills me gustaria mejorar mis habilidades de word

### **Grammar Practice**

Subject Pronouns, Object Pronouns, Possessive Adjectives, Possessive Pronouns, First Conditional.

### 24. Circle the correct object pronoun.

- 1. Ms Lewis is the managing director. Do you know him / her / them?
- 2. These headsets are very popular. Many people buy **us** / it / them
- 3. We didn't know about the problem. They didn't tell **you / us / me**.
- 4. Mr Carl is very nice. I like him / her / you.
- 5. I need to prepare a presentation. Can you design him / them / it?
- 6. Welcome, Al. I'll show you / her / us the office.
- 7. I don't understand this spreadsheet. Can you help him / me / her?

### 25. Complete the sentences with the correct possessive adjective.

- 1. Is this \_\_\_ number, sir?
- 2. I work on the seventh floor.<sub>mv</sub> room number is 708.
- 3. They've got many shops, buttheir head office is in London.
- 4. This company belongs to my brother and me. It wasour father's company.
- 5. I need to talk to Mike. Have you gothis mobile phone number?

### 26. Rewrite the sentences using possessive pronouns.

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1. This is your laptop. this is yours
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2. This is my flash drive.

this is mine

3. Is this her phone?

is this hers?

4. These are their brochures.

these are theirs

5. This isn't our device.

this isnt ours

### 27. Circle the correct answer to complete each mini-dialogue.

- 1. **A:** Is this your microphone?
  - **B:** No, it's not me / my / mine.
- 2. **A:** Do you work with Martin?
  - B: No, I don't know him / he / his
- 3. **A:** Sara is a web designer, isn't she?
  - **B:** Yes, **she** / **her** / **hers** designs are great.
- 4. **A:** Where's the IT department?
  - **B:** It's on **you** / **your** / **yours** left when you get out of the lift
- 5. **A:** They've got a new support technician.
  - **B:** Yes, **their** / **theirs** / **them** new support technician is very nice.
- 6. **A:** Is this George Graham's company?
  - **B:** Yes, this company is he / his / him.

### 28. Match A to B to form sentences in the First Conditional.

Α

- 1. If you give me the exact address,
- 2. If we move the printer,
- 3. If you don't sort your files,
- 4. If Linda doesn't hurry, c
- 5. If Jack doesn't enhance the chart,

В

- 2 a. there will be more room.
- 5 b. It won't be clear enough.
- $_{\perp}$  c. we will miss the plane.
- \_1 d. our technician will be there in an hour.
- \_ae. you won't find them.

#### 29. Mark the correct answer.

- 1. I don't come / won't come to work tomorrow if I'm still ill.
- 2. If we want / will want to try this software, we will get a trial version.
- 3. Our manager won't be happy if there is / will be malware in the system.
- 4. We **let you know / will let you know** if you get the job
- 5. If Emma finds / will find the faulty part, I will tell you
- 6. If you don't narrow / won't narrow your search, you'll get too many results.

### 30. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the First Conditional.

- 1. If youwant (want) to talk, I will be in my office.
- 2. We won't have the meeting on Tuesday if Mrs Ellis \_\_\_\_ (not be) back by Monday.
- 3. If they don't deliver) the hardware on time, we will write a letter of complaint.
- 4. If Allan calls, I will tell) him that you phoned.
- 5. If the quality of the product isn't good enough, it wont sell).
- 6. We won't buy these projectors if you dont give (not give) us a better price.

### 31. Complete the sentences with if or unless.

- 1. The computer won't cool lines the fan is working.
- 2. if there's no reply, I'll leave a message.
- 3. if you save this draft, you will lose all your work.
- 4. You won't make a mistake unlessou are careful.
- 5. if \_\_ the layout is attractive, our customers won't buy the product.
- 6. if you take the course, you will improve your computer skills.

### 32. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the First Conditional.

- 1. If Charles \_\_\_\_ (come) back in time, he will call you
- 2. Their order wont arrive (not arrive) by Monday if wedont (not arrive) it today
- 3. If he<sup>create</sup>(create) charts, his presentation will logowh better.
- 4. They  $\underline{\text{wont}}$  (rset use) our computers unless we  $\underline{\text{custo}}$  (size tomise) them.
- 5. The device wont (motkwork) if this part doe(notifit).
- 6. Unless that phone is\_\_\_ water-resistant, I wont(Aby buy) it.

# 33. Write sentences with the words below. Use the First Conditional. Add commas where necessary.

- 1. Mrs Evans / need / this document/ I / send / it / to her if Mrs Evans needs this document I will it to her
- 2. the programmer / not understand / our problem / he / attend / the meeting if the programmer doesn't understand out problem he won't attend the meeting
- 3. Mr Davidson / meet / you / at the train station / that / be / convenient Mr Dacison willmeet you at train station if that is convenient

- 4. there / not be / enough webcams / I / order / some more if there aren't enough webcams I will order some more
- 5. Max / call / you / he / not find / the invoice max will call you if he dosen't find the invoice

## 34. Imagine you work as a computer technician. Complete the sentences in the First Conditional.

- 1. If I am late for work, my boss \_angry
- 2. I will replace that motherboard if order
- 3. If there is a lot of spam on the computer, I  $\underline{\text{will}}$  install a filter
- 4. I need to work off-site, Imy manager
- 5. I won't open the computer case unless \_its\_unplugged