I can understand people talking about skills.

THINK! At what ages can most people talk, walk, count, spell their name, read, write? When could you first speak English?

Genius!

Grace Hopper
A mathematics [1]**expert** / **artist** and computer [2]**programmer** / **winner**. She was also a university [3]**inventor** / **professor**.

Marie Curie
The [4]**artist** / **scientist** who discovered radium. First female [5]**winner** / **writer** of the Nobel prize for physics.

Judit Polgár
Number one female [6]**genius** / **player** in the world from the age of twelve, and the best female chess player in history. She beat the world [7]**champion** / **winner**, Garry Kasparov, in 2002.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
A talented [8]**musician** / **scientist** and [9]**composer** / **programmer**.
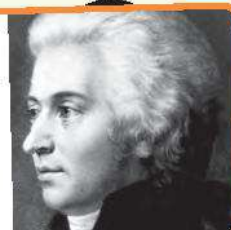
Charles Dickens
One of the greatest [10]**champions** / **writers** in the English language.
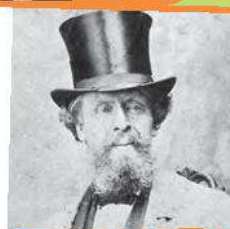
Leonardo da Vinci
A [11]**mathematician** / **champion**, scientist, inventor and artist. Leonardo was a [12]**genius** / **player** with many different talents.
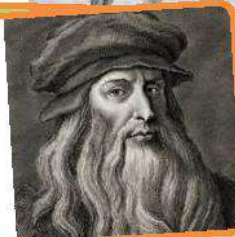
1 ◎ 1.55 **Choose the correct bold words in the texts. Listen and check.**

2 ◎ 1.56 **PRONUNCIATION** /ə/ in jobs

Listen to the jobs. Then listen again and repeat.

1 programmer
2 professor
3 inventor
4 teacher
5 writer
6 player
7 composer

3 ◎ 1.57 **Listen to more jobs and skills. Find the words you hear in the text in exercise 1. Listen again and repeat the words.**

4 ◎ 1.58 **Listen to part of the programme and write *True* or *False*.**

1 Clare isn't very good at maths.
2 Mozart couldn't compose music when he was eight.
3 Most children can read when they're six.
4 Leonardo da Vinci wasn't very good at spelling.
5 Kieron Williamson had £22,000 from his art when he was ten.

5 💬 **USE IT!** **Work in pairs. Use comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives in the box to compare jobs.**

> boring   difficult   easy   exciting
> good   interesting   useful

> I think it's probably interesting to be a writer.

> I agree with Dani, but I think it's probably more useful to be a scientist.

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Child prodigies