

The World of Work

At Tatton Park, we host lots of events that help young people consider what they want to do when they are older.

This is an activity we run with groups, which gets you thinking about your skills. You can give this a go in the classroom or at home...

Learn: To work in a job you will need a range of talents and abilities. Sometimes your talent will guide what you do – for example, if you are brilliant at football, you might want to play professionally. Sometimes your talent can be used in lots of different settings – for example, if you are brilliant at writing, you might be an author, a journalist, an Internet blogger or a screenwriter.

When you apply for a job, you discuss what you are good at by telling the person you would like to work for what your ‘skills’ are – these are your talents, the things you are best at. English, Maths and Science are called ‘key skills’ because – being able to read, write and add up are essential for any job you work in - and being able to look after yourself with budgeting, correspondence, etc is important too.

All other skills are either called ‘specific’ or ‘transferable’. Understanding the difference between them will help you to understand what your skills are and help you to decide what career you want to pursue when you leave school.

Investigate: A specific skill is a talent that you require for a particular job. A dentist knows how to extract a tooth, but does your teacher? Having the skill to extract a tooth is specific because it is needed in order to be a dentist – it is specific to that job and not required elsewhere.

A transferable skill is a talent that you can use in lots of jobs. Being a good team member is important in a football team, an office team or the Ranger team here at Tatton Park. Other transferable skills are patience, hard work, being organised, being professional, being able to speak in front of a large group.

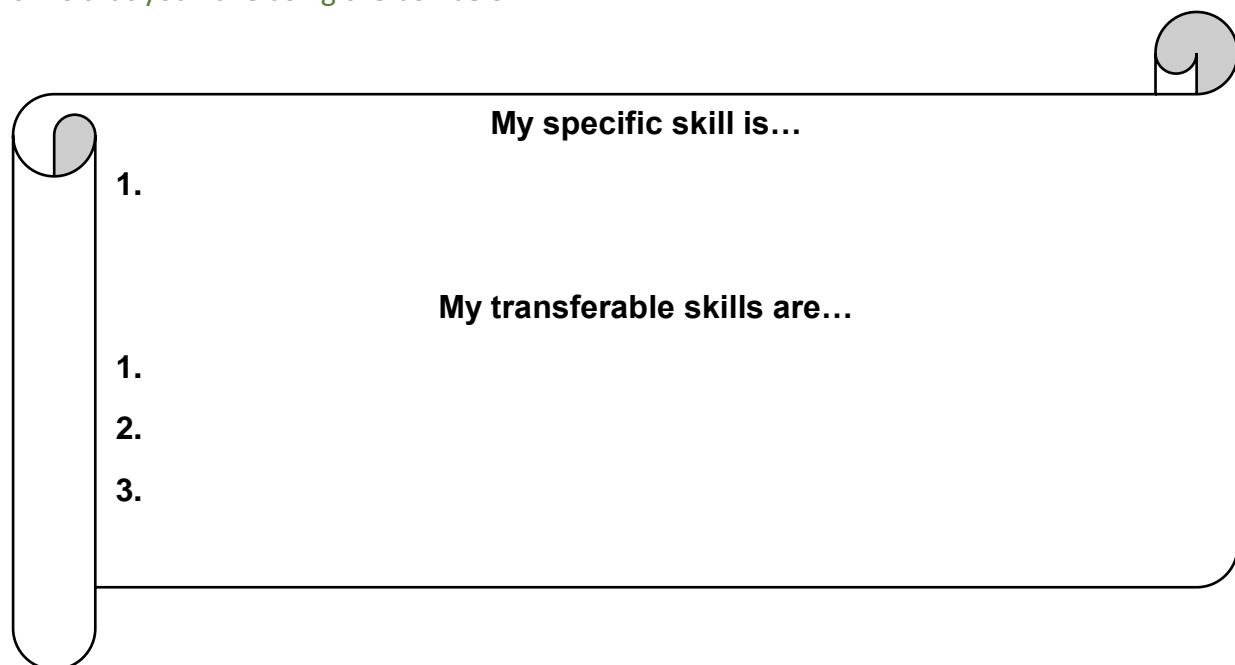


Activity

Below is a list of job roles people have here at Tatton Park. For each one, write down a specific skill and a transferable skill.

Skills:	Specific	Transferable
Ranger		
Gardener		
Chef		
Shop Assistant		
Site Manager		
Tour Guide		

Activity: Now it's time to think about you! Write down one specific and three transferable skills that you have using the box below.



The form consists of a large, scroll-like outline. At the top right corner of the scroll head, there is a small circular tab with a vertical line through it, resembling a fastener or a hole punch. Inside the scroll area, there are two sections for writing: "My specific skill is..." and "My transferable skills are...". Each section has a numbered list starting with "1.".

My specific skill is...

1.

My transferable skills are...

1.
2.
3.

