

## Lesson Six: Capabilities or competences (Text exploration)

distinctive competences

distinctive /dɪ'stɪŋktɪv ; US / adj

clearly different from others and therefore easy to recognize  
*the soldiers wearing their distinctive red berets*

مُتميّز، مُميّز

distinctively / ; US / adv

بصورة متميّزة أو خاصّة

competent /'kɒmpɪtənt ; US / adj

1 having the ability or skill needed for sth  
*a highly competent player*

*She is competent at her job.*

*He is not competent to be a manager.*

The opposite is incompetent.

مقتدر، كفء

2 satisfactory but not excellent  
*a competent, but not particularly exciting, performance*

لابأس به

Competence /'kɒmpɪtəns ; US / noun

[U] having the ability or skill that is needed  
*She quickly proved her competence in her new position.*

The opposite is incompetence.

كفاءة، مقدرة

competently / ; US / adv

بكفاءة، باقتدار

Competitors /kəm'petɪtə(r) / *noun*

\_a person, company, product, etc. that is competing with another or others

*All competitors must wear a number in the race.*

*E.g. Two local companies are our main competitors.*

متنافس؛ متسابق

Achievement

achieve /ə'tʃi:v / verb

1 to gain sth, usually by effort or skill

You have achieved the success you deserve.

يُحَقِّق، يُحْرَز

2 to get sth done; to complete

They have achieved a lot in a short time.

يُحَقِّق؛ يُنْجِز

Achievement / noun

1 [C] something that is done successfully, especially through hard work or skill

She felt that the book was her greatest achievement.

إنجاز

2 [U] the act of finishing sth successfully; the feeling that you get when you have finished sth successfully

Climbing the mountain gave him a sense of achievement.

إنجاز

Competitive

**competitive** /kəm'petətɪv ; US /

*adj*

**1** involving people competing against each other

*The travel industry is a highly competitive business.*

*competitive sports*

تنافسيّ مزاحم؛

**2** able to be as successful as or more successful than those competing

*They are trying to make the company competitive in the international market.*

*Our prices are highly competitive (= as low as or lower than those of the others).*

التجارية المزاحمة على قادر

**3** (used about people) eager to win or to be more successful than others

*She's a very competitive player.*

بالفوز مُعْرَمُ مزاحم،

**competitively** / ; US /

*adv*

بتنافس

Advantage

**advantage** /əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ ; US -'væn- /

**noun**

**1 [C] an advantage (over sb)** something that may help you to do better than other people

*Her secretarial experience gave her an advantage over the other people applying for the job.*

*Our team had the advantage of playing at our home ground.*

أفضليّة تميّز،

**2 [C,U]** something that helps you or that will bring you a good result

*the advantages and disadvantages of a plan*

*The traffic is so bad here that there is no advantage in having a car.*

فائدة

The opposite is **disadvantage**.

**take advantage of sth**

**1** to make good or full use of sth

*Take advantage of the cheap prices while they last.*

الفرصة ينتهز، من يستفيد

**2** to make unfair use of sb or of sb's kindness, etc. in order to get what you want

*You shouldn't let him take advantage of you like this.*

يستغلّ

**advantageous** /,ædvən'teɪdʒəs / *adj*

that will help you or bring you a good result

مربح؛ مُواتٍ؛ مفيد

**Particular** /pə'tɪkjələ(r) / *adj*

**1** (only *before* a noun) (used to make it clear that you are talking about one person, thing, time, etc. and not about others)

*At that particular time I was working in London. It wasn't until later that I moved to Bristol.*

*One particular school, which I won't name, is having a lot of problems.*

في ذلك الوقت بالذات؛ معيّن

**2** (only *before* a noun) special or extra; more than usual

*Are you going to Dublin for any particular reason?*

*This article is of particular interest to you.*

خاصّ؛ استثنائيّ

**3** connected with one person or thing and not with others

*Everybody has their own particular problems.*

شخصيّ، خاصّ

**4** (not before a noun) **particular** (about/over sth) difficult to please

*Some people are extremely particular about the coffee they drink.*

صعب الإرضاء، مُدَقِّق

**in particular**

**1** especially

*Is there anything in particular you'd like to do this weekend?*

خاصّ؛ بصورة خاصة

**2** (used for giving more detail about sth that you have said)

*You must be careful about what you eat. In particular, avoid anything fatty.*

وخاصّةً، ولاسيّما

**particularly adv:** especially

*I'm particularly interested in European history.*

*The meal was excellent, particularly the dessert.*

بصورة خاصة؛ وخاصّةً

**particulars** *noun* [plural] (*formal*) details; facts

*The police took down all the particulars about the missing child.*

تفاصيل

core competences مهارات جوهرية

**core** /kɔ:(r) ; US /

*noun*

**1** [C] the hard centre of certain fruits, containing seeds

*an apple core*

قُلب الثمرة

**2** [sing.] the central or most important part of sth

*the core curriculum (= the subjects that all pupils have to study)*

*the core vocabulary of a language (= the most common and important words)*

نواة، لُبّ، صميم

**3** [C] the central part of a planet

*the earth's core*

مركز

**to the core** completely; in every way

*The system is rotten to the core (= bad in every part).*

*The news shook him to the core (= shocked him very much).*

كلياً، إلى الصميم

Benefit

**benefit** /'benɪfɪt ; US /

**noun**

**1** [U] the advantage or good or useful effect of sth

*Most parents want to give their children the benefit of a good education.*

*a change in the law would be to everyone's benefit*

*I can't see the benefit of doing things this way.*

منفعة، فائدة

**2** [C] a thing that has a good or useful effect

*the benefits of modern technology*



منفعة

**3** [U] money that the government gives to people who are ill, poor, unemployed, etc  
*I'm not entitled to unemployment benefit.*

إعانة

**for sb's benefit** especially to help, please, etc. sb  
*For the benefit of the newcomers, I will explain again what we are planning to do.*

لفائدة، لمصلحة

**give sb the benefit of the doubt** to believe that what sb says is true because there is no clear proof that it is not

ضدّه البراهين توقّر لعدم يُصدّقه أو يبرّئه

**benefit**

*verb*

(*pt, pp benefited; US also benefitted*)

**1** [T] to have a good or useful effect  
*The new tax laws will benefit small businesses.*

يفيد، ينفع

**2 benefit (from sth)** [I] to receive an advantage from sth

*We've certainly benefited from the changes in the law.*

يستفيد

**Contribution** /ˌkɒntrɪˈbjʊ:ʃn/ **noun**

Something that you give or do together with others; the act of giving your share

*All contributions to the appeal will be gratefully received.*

*He made a significant contribution to the country's struggle for independence.*

تبرّع، مساهمة

**portfolio of assets**

**asset** /'æset/ **noun**

**1 an asset (to sb/sth)** a person or thing that is useful to sb/sth

*She's a great asset to the organization.*

*It's an asset to be able to drive.*

مفيد شيء أو شخص

**2** [usually pl.] something of value that a person, company, etc. owns

*The company is having to sell its assets.*

موجودات، ممتلكات

Portfolio/ noun /BrE /pɔ:t'fəʊliəʊ/ ; NAmE /pɔ:rt'fəʊliəʊ/

(plural port·folios)

**1** a thin flat case used for carrying documents, drawings, etc.

**2** a collection of photographs, drawings, etc. that you use as an example of your work, especially when applying for a job She spent most of last year getting her portfolio together.

3 (finance) a set of shares owned by a particular person or organization an investment/share portfolio

a portfolio manager

4 (formal, especially British English) the particular area of responsibility of a government minister the defence portfolio

a ministerial portfolio

She resigned her portfolio.

He was asked to join as a minister without portfolio (= one without responsibility for a particular government department).

5 the range of products or services offered by a particular company or organization a portfolio of wines