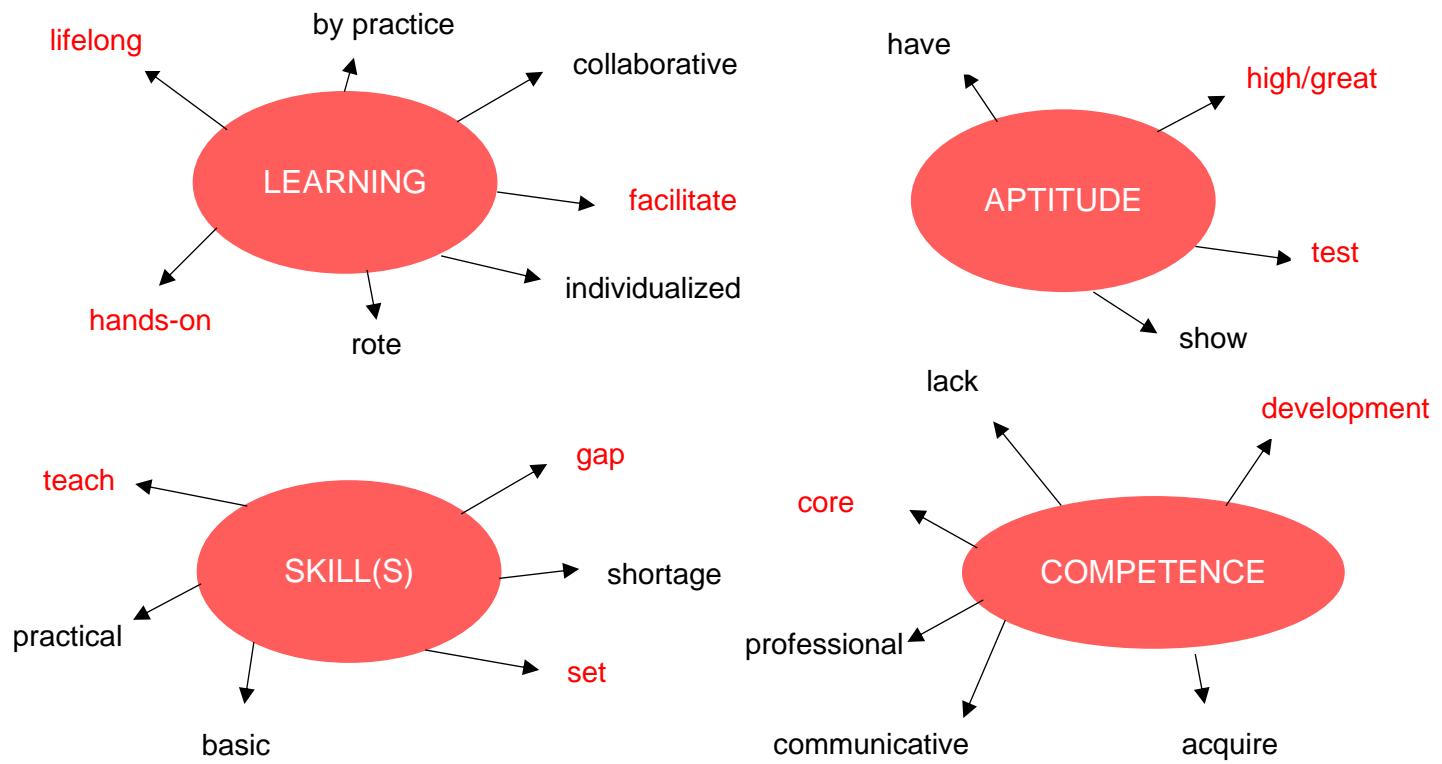


Problems with the education system

1. Complete the mind maps below with the words in the box.

core	development	facilitate	gap	hands-on
high/great	lifelong	set	teach	test



2. Discuss the questions. Use the collocations from ex. 1

- What kind of skills were you taught during your time at school?
- Is there anything you have aptitude for? Did you discover that during your school education?
- What type of competencies do schools develop?
- What's your opinion about public education in your country? Does it help in gaining practical skills?
- What could schools do better, to facilitate learning?
- Which courses/subjects have helped you to gain professional competencies?



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3. Watch a [video](https://youtu.be/okpg-IVWLbE) [<https://youtu.be/okpg-IVWLbE>] and tick six problems with the schooling system that it mentions.
- a) Schools don't teach you how to be independent and don't give students any control.
 - b) Grading in the education system is based on wrong values.
 - c) The value of education is decreasing because the system doesn't give any real-life knowledge.
 - d) Knowledge is passed passively as students just listen to teachers talking.
 - e) The education system focuses on teaching students so they can pass tests and exams.
 - f) Students are not encouraged to be original.
 - g) The schooling system doesn't give any opportunity to learn work skills.
 - h) Schools don't take into consideration that people learn differently.
 - i) Modern education destroys creativity, personality and critical thinking.
 - j) There's too much technology used in the public schooling system.
 - k) The school system teaches people to listen to instructions.

4. Discuss the issues from the list above. Decide whether you consider them serious and choose four which need a solution in order to fix the education system.

5. Work in small groups and debate the two statements below. Prepare arguments in favour and against and think about any counter-arguments.

- Schools don't teach children the important things they need to know to be adults.
- Children should be able to choose what they want to study from an early age.