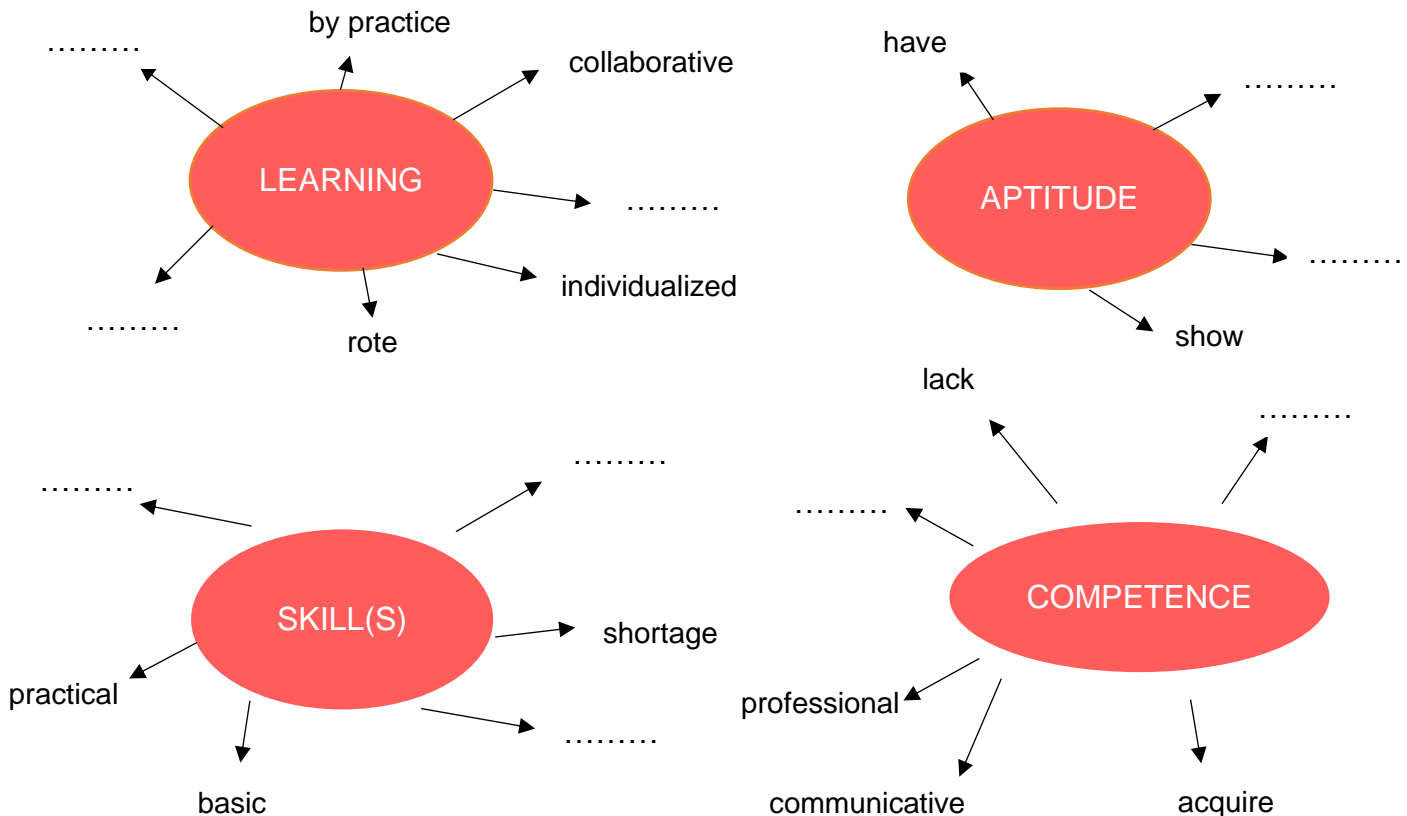# Problems with the education system

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

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

by practice

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collaborative

LEARNING

………

individualized

………

rote

have

………

APTITUDE

………

show

lack

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SKILL(S)

………

shortage

………

practical

COMPETENCE

professional

basic

communicative

acquire

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?

3. **Watch a** video **[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.