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SPEAKING

Practice C1

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

Tell me about a subject you are passionate about.

Why does it interest you?

How did you develop an interest in it?

What do you think is more important for personal development: education or life experience?

Can you give an example of how one of these influenced you?

Do you believe that people today are more aware of global issues than in the past? Why or why not?

How do you stay informed about important world events?

What role do you think social media plays in shaping people's opinions?

Do you think this is positive or negative?

How do you manage stress in your personal and professional life?

Is stress always a bad thing, or can it sometimes be useful?



LONG TURN

Describe a time when you had to overcome a significant challenge.

What was the challenge?

How did you handle it?

What did you learn from the experience?

Follow-up: How do you think facing challenges can help someone grow?

Talk about a time when you had to change your opinion on something important.

What made you change your opinion?

Was it difficult to admit you were wrong?

How did others react?

Follow-up: Why is it important to be open to changing your opinions?

Describe a project or goal that you are currently working on.

What is the goal?

What are the steps you're taking to achieve it?

How does it relate to your future plans?





LONG TURN

**Follow-up: How important is setting long-term goals in your life?
Talk about an issue in society that you feel strongly about.**

What is the issue?

Why is it important to you?

What solutions can you suggest?

Follow-up: Do you think individuals or governments should take more responsibility for solving this issue?

Describe a technological innovation that you believe has had a major impact on society.

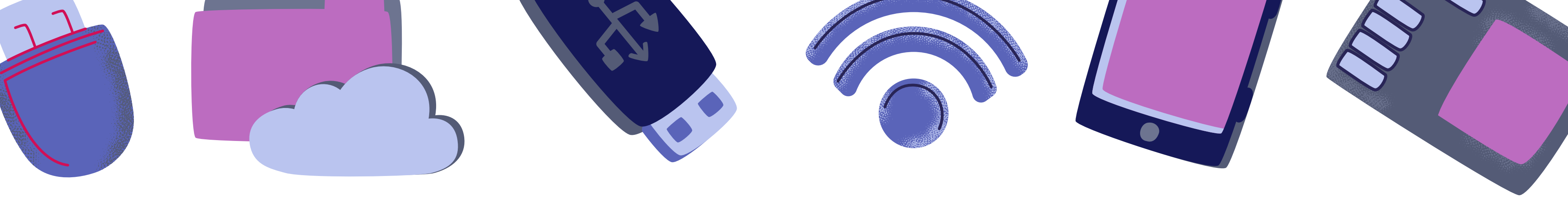
What is the innovation?

How has it changed the way people live or work?

Do you think this change is mostly positive or negative?

Follow-up: How do you think technology will evolve in the future?





COLLABORATIVE TASK

Scenario: A company wants to invest in improving its workplace environment. Discuss which option would benefit employees the most.

Options: Flexible working hours, a fitness center, a quiet space for relaxation, team-building events, or improved office design.

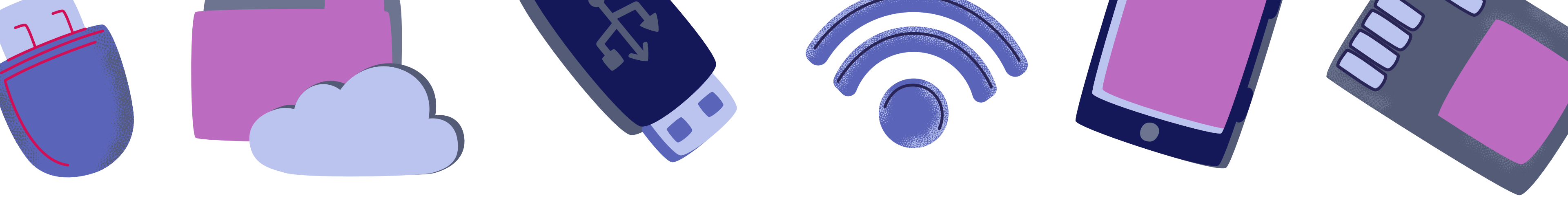
Discussion points:

Which option would improve productivity?

Which option would attract and retain employees?

What are the costs and potential challenges of each option?





COLLABORATIVE TASK

Scenario: A local community has been given a large donation to improve the area. Discuss which project would have the biggest positive impact on the community.

Options: Building a community center, improving public transport, creating more green spaces, providing free Wi-Fi, or starting a recycling program.

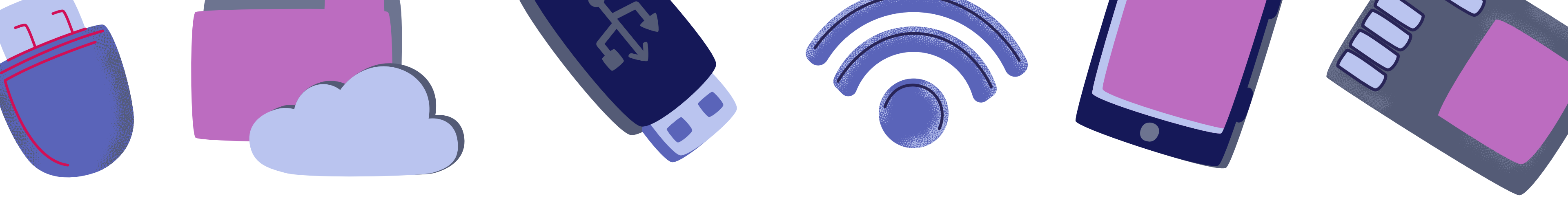
Discussion points:

Which project would benefit the most people?

Which is most sustainable long-term?

What challenges could arise with each project?





COLLABORATIVE TASK

Scenario: You are planning a campaign to raise awareness about environmental issues. Discuss which approach would be most effective.

Options: Organizing a large public event, starting a social media campaign, working with schools, distributing informational materials, or partnering with businesses.

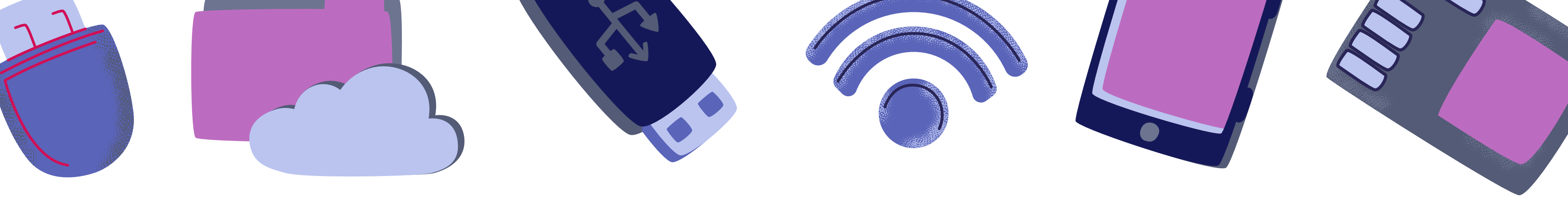
Discussion points:

Which approach would reach the most people?

How can you ensure the campaign has a lasting impact?

What are the potential obstacles?





COLLABORATIVE TASK

Scenario: A company is deciding how to invest in training for its employees. Discuss which option would be the most beneficial for both the company and its employees.

Options: Leadership training, technical skills workshops, communication and teamwork skills, mental health and wellbeing programs, or language courses.

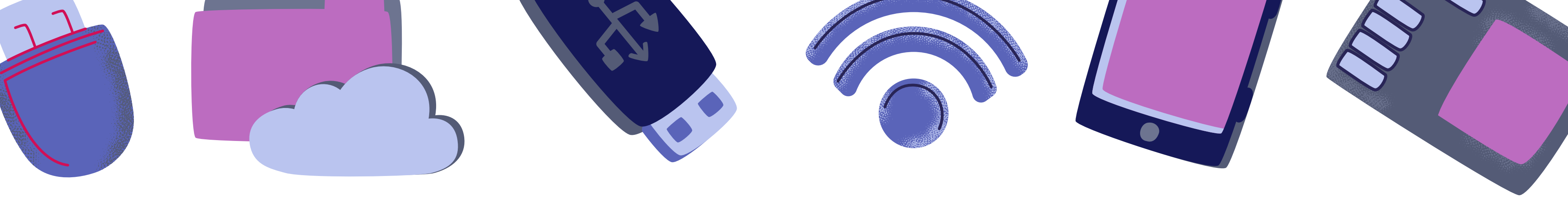
Discussion points:

Which type of training would provide the best return on investment?

How would different employees benefit from each option?

Which option is most likely to improve the company's success?





COLLABORATIVE TASK

Scenario: Your school/university is reviewing its curriculum to better prepare students for the future.

Discuss which changes would be the most valuable.

Options: Introducing more practical skills, increasing focus on technology, offering more internships, adding courses on environmental issues, or reducing the emphasis on exams.

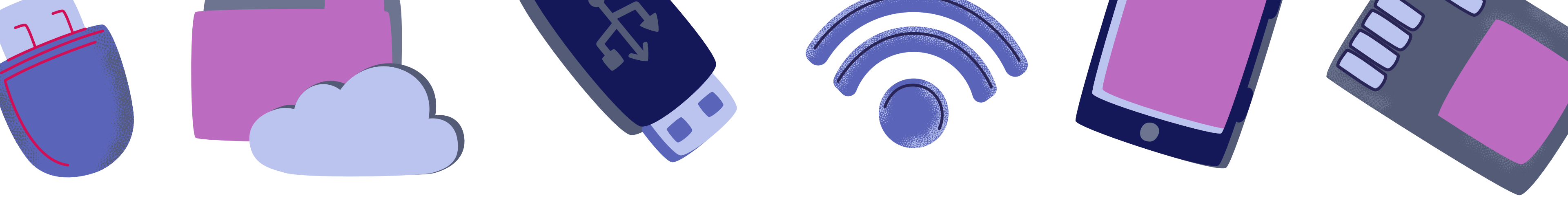
Discussion points:

Which option would best prepare students for the job market?

How can these changes help students develop soft skills?

What are the potential drawbacks of each change?





FURTHER DISCUSSION

How important is the work environment for productivity and employee satisfaction?

What do you think is the most important factor in keeping employees motivated?

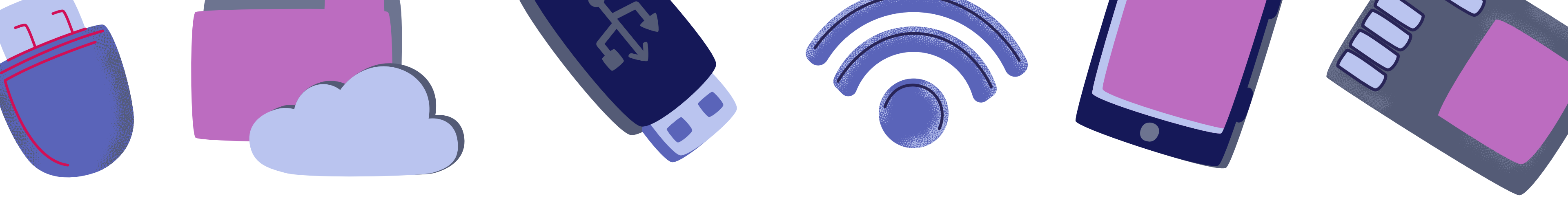
Do you think it's more important to invest in technology or in people?

Can technology ever replace human creativity and problem-solving skills?

What role do you think businesses should play in improving society?

Should businesses focus on making a profit or on social responsibility? Is it possible to do both?





FURTHER DISCUSSION

**How important do you think it is for individuals to take action on environmental issues?
Is it fair to expect people to make changes when governments and big corporations have more power?**

Do you think education should focus more on practical skills or academic knowledge?

How can schools better prepare students for the challenges of the modern world?

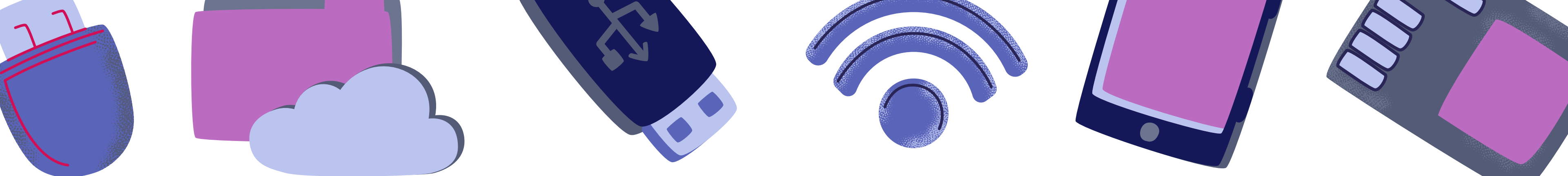
What do you think are the most important skills for future leaders?

Can leadership be taught, or do you think it's something people are born with?

How do you think globalization has affected local communities?

Do you think it's possible to maintain local traditions and values in a globalized world?



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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR C1 SPEAKING:

Fluency and Coherence: The ability to maintain extended speech with ease and organize ideas logically.

Lexical Resource: Using a wide range of vocabulary, including idiomatic expressions and nuanced language.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy: Ability to use complex grammatical structures accurately and naturally.

Pronunciation: Clear articulation and effective use of intonation to convey meaning and emotion.

Interactive Communication: Engaging effectively in discussions, responding to questions with detailed, relevant ideas, and collaborating well in the collaborative task.

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