

Unit 8 Lab

Opportunities Near You

1. What clubs, organizations, or competitions are available nearest to you? How would participating in them help you if you were pursuing a career in cybersecurity? Make sure to include at least one “club” or professional-focused organization and one “competition” in your answer, and spend a sentence or two describing the organization (e.g., its goals, mission, or objectives).

- TSA (Technology Student Association) – In TSA, you do projects and compete with them at conferences. The projects are related to STEM. Projects that relate to Cybersecurity include Essays on Technology, Software Development, System Control Technology, and more.
- FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) – This is pretty much the same thing as TSA, but focused more towards business.

These clubs would help me pursue this field because I would get more experience, and putting it on my resume would so that I have that experience.

2. How would participating in such an organization promote responsibility?

Participating in these clubs promote responsibility because as members of these clubs, you are working together with people and getting projects done by a specific time. There also are specific event regulations you must follow when doing the projects. Because of these things, they promote responsibility following those rules, working together, and getting the projects done on time.

Interview Skills and Being a Better Listener

1. How has technology changed the way children and teenagers learn communication skills?

It has changed it in a negative way. Before computers, people either talked on the phone or in-person. Now, they text primarily. Because of this, kids grow up communicating through technology instead of in-person (excluding school).

2. Many interview advisors suggest things like looking a person in the eye, nodding, and smiling to show you’re paying attention, and repeating what you’ve heard and summarizing, etc.

What is Headlee’s perspective on that advice, and what does she argue to support her point?

Headlee’s perspective is “it is crap.” This is what is suggested instead:

- Don’t multitask
- Don’t pontificate
- Go with the flow
- If you don’t know, say you don’t know
- Don’t equate your experience with theirs
 - Try not to repeat yourself
 - Stay out of the weeds

- Listen
- Be brief

She argues that “there is no reason to learn how to show you're paying attention if you are in fact paying attention.”

3. How could you use Headlee’s advice in a professional interview setting? What is the implication of having you watch a video that emphasizes listening and having a conversation instead of “performing” in an interview?

I can take what she said, and actually use it in an interview. When watching a video, you’re being told what to do. But you can’t actually immediately do what is being said, since you’re not in an interview. When in an interview, you can actually use these practices.