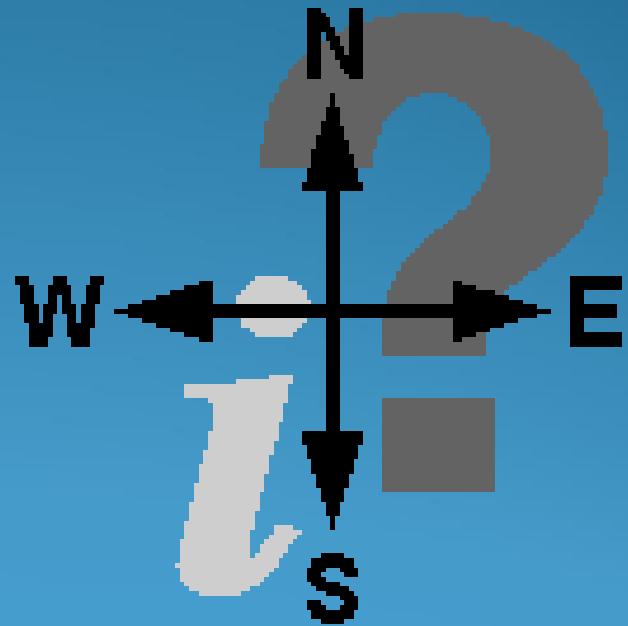


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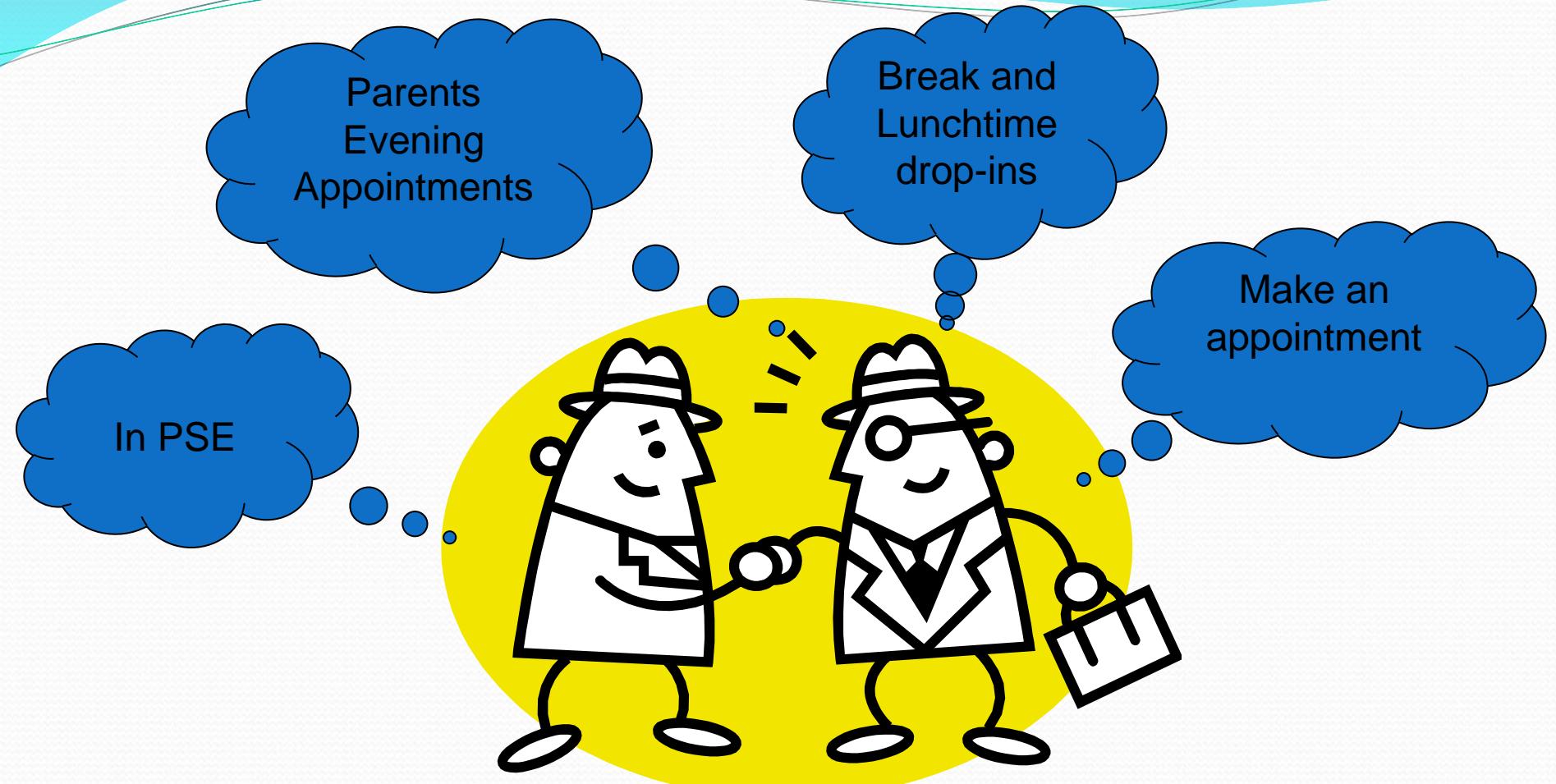
Hints and tips for choosing  
the right subjects for you



In this presentation we will look at how to get the most from subject choice in terms of your chosen pathway, strengths, skills and qualities.



## WHO CAN HELP YOU TO CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS?



## How can I speak to my Guidance Teacher?

It is similar  
to another  
subject I  
study

The  
Qualification  
will help me

I enjoy  
it

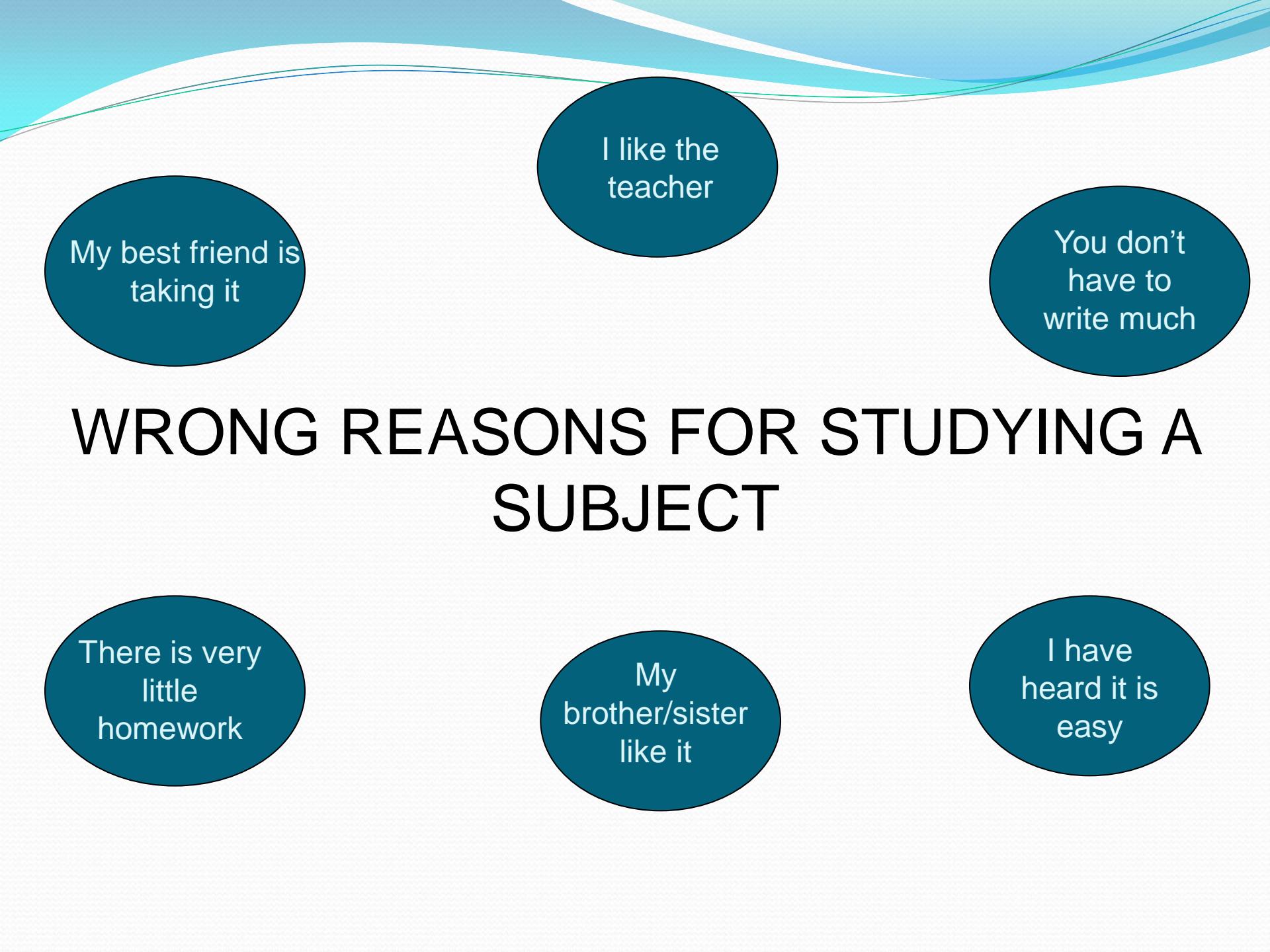
# RIGHT REASONS FOR STUDYING A SUBJECT

I might  
need it for  
university

I might  
need it for  
college

I might  
need it for  
my job

I am  
good at  
it



I like the  
teacher

You don't  
have to  
write much

My best friend is  
taking it

## WRONG REASONS FOR STUDYING A SUBJECT

There is very  
little  
homework

My  
brother/sister  
like it

I have  
heard it is  
easy

# Skills And Qualities

What is a skill?

What is a quality?

# Definition - Skill And Quality

- A skill is (also called **talent**) :

is something you can learn and develop. You can do this to the best of your ability.

- A quality is:

These make you different from other people, they make up your personality. They can help you to describe what kind of person you are.

# Skills Examples

- **Communication:** writes clearly and concisely, speaks effectively, listens attentively, openly expresses ideas, negotiates/resolves differences, leads group discussions, provides feedback, persuades others, provides well-thought out solutions, gathers appropriate information, confidently speaks in public

**Interpersonal Skills:** works well with others, sensitive, supportive, motivates others, shares credit, counsels, cooperates, delegates effectively, represents others, understands feelings, self-confident, accepts responsibility

**Research and Planning:** forecasts/predicts, creates ideas, identifies problems, meets goals, identifies resources, gathers information, solves problems, defines needs, analyses issues, develops strategies, assesses situations

# Qualities Examples

- **Able to Work Alone:** Do you plan your own work? Can you work by yourself when there are no other people around?
- **Ambitious:** Do you take on extra assignments that will help you get ahead? Do you plan your own advancement?
- **Cooperative:** Do you always do your part in a team assignment?
- **Diplomatic:** Can you cope with difficult situations involving other people?
- **Enthusiastic:** Are you interested in your studies? Do you inspire others with your own interests? Have you ever done extra work because of your interest?
- **Imaginative:** Do you often or occasionally come up with new ideas?
- **Open-minded:** Are you able to accept ideas different to your own? Do you adapt well to change?

# Qualities Examples

- **Organised:** Do you keep things where they belong? Have a knack for arranging things
- **Patient:** Can you keep your temper?
- **Persistent:** Can you stick to a task even when your enthusiasm and patience are thin? Have you ever accomplished something even when things became troublesome?
- **Punctual:** Do you arrive on time?
- **Reliable:** Can people depend on you to do your part?
- **Resourceful:** Do you see what needs to be done and do it without being told?
- **Sincere:** Are you honest in your attitude toward yourself and other people?
- **Sympathetic:** Do you try to understand the problems of others? Do people confide in you often? Do you help them?

# Parent And Pupil Task

- Tell your partner(s) the skills and qualities that you think THEY have.
- Write down 3 skills and 3 qualities you feel you have. You may want to think about your partner's feedback to help you.

# Skills And Qualities In Subject Choice

- Think about your skills and qualities and try to match them with the subjects you are currently taking and subjects you are thinking about taking
- Think about your career research on [My World of Work](#) and the subjects that might benefit you in the future
- Write all of these subjects down

# What would you like to do when you leave school?

Sometimes it's a scary thought but you won't be at school forever!

There are many different destinations when you leave school such as Employment, an Apprenticeship, College or University among others.

Each destination may require different qualifications, subjects and levels.

[My World of Work](#) can give you advice on this as can [UCAS](#) and [Apprenticeships.scot](#)

# What would you like to do when you leave school?

Work experience in the senior phase may also be available as a choice.

Ask your guidance teacher to give you a login for [workit](#) so you can see the placements available in Moray.

# My Subject Choice

- Write down the subject that you are thinking of taking, the qualities and skills that you think they require and what you would get out of this subject

MY CHOSEN SUBJECT	QUALITIES / SKILLS REQUIRED	WHAT WILL THIS SUBJECT GIVE ME?
Modern Studies	Evaluating, research, teamwork	
Chemistry	Practical skills, problem solving	