The activity is structured to challenge you to think differently about apprenticeships and be open to the idea that you need to research them further.

**TRUE OR FALSE?**

Discuss the following 6 statements as a class and decide whether you think the statements are true or false.

- You can achieve a degree through a Russell Group University by undertaking an apprenticeship.
- You can become a solicitor through an apprenticeship.
- You can achieve fully qualified teacher status through an apprenticeship.
- Those studying a degree apprenticeship achieve exactly the same degree as someone studying full time at university.
- Apprentices achieve professional status / membership through their programme.
- You can become a doctor through an apprenticeship.

**SUPPORTING TEACHER NOTES:**

- **TRUE:** More than 80 universities offer degree apprenticeship programmes and many of these are Russell Group Universities.
- **TRUE:** There is now a legal pathway for apprentices that enables them to study all the way up to level 7 (Master’s) to become a fully qualified Solicitor.
- **TRUE:** Launching in the 17/18 academic year, the teaching apprenticeship will enable apprentices to become fully qualified teachers through the apprenticeship pathway.
- **TRUE:** Those studying a degree apprenticeship achieve exactly the same degree as someone studying full time at university – the only difference is it might take a bit longer for example, four years instead of three. This is not a reflection on the individual apprentice, but more a recognition that if you are working full time and studying to achieve a full degree then that is a huge amount of work. By allowing an extra year, it gives the employer time to be able to plan for when their apprentices will be studying off-the-job and ensure that workloads are covered.
- **TRUE:** Many of the new apprenticeships have professional status / membership built into the programme and often the cost of this will also be included within the funding for the apprenticeship, meaning that there is no cost to the apprentice.
- **FALSE:** You cannot currently become a doctor through an apprenticeship. There are many new apprenticeships being added to the offer, including Nursing and other healthcare roles, but doctor is a profession that you would still need to follow the traditional full time higher education pathway for.