Legal research, legal writing, and legal analysis: putting law school into practice. Suzanne E. Rowe. ∗ — When I began law school, I thought my goal was to master “every case, statute, and rule I would need to practice law. I would put all this knowledge into a magic brief-case.” Through that process, lawyers learn of the law that exists and then fashion arguments, documents, and transactions to solve clients’ problems; novel approaches are steeped in the cases, statutes, and rules that the lawyer has located through thorough research. That process is the practice of law. In all law school classes, students learn legal analysis. ∗ Law clinics give law students the opportunity to learn about the legal problems of the medical profession. Today, commercial law firms expect recruits to be completely fluent in English. ∗ When you record vocabulary, you should try to write down as many collocations as you can, and not only single words. ∗ Try to understand the new word with the help of surrounding words. ∗ Look up every unknown word in a dictionary. ∗ Ignore the unknown word and read on. ∗ Look up some new words, ignore others. Others offer a more practical introduction to the language skills lawyers will need during their future careers. You are going to hear a discussion between two law students, Heidi from Germany and Pavel from Russia. Problem solving is an essential skill in the workplace and personal situations. Learn how to solve problems more effectively with our step-by-step guide. Problem solving and decision making are closely related skills, and making a decision is an important part of the problem solving process as you will often be faced with various options and alternatives. See Decision Making for more. The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year. It is good practice to keep a record of outcomes and any additional problems that occurred. For more details on the stages of problem solving continue to Identifying and Structuring Problems. Continue to: Social Problem Solving.