

## 05. CHECK UNDERSTANDING

01 |

Read the following summary of the talk and complete it with the words or phrases in the box.



**disabled people - images - life - nondisabled people - perspective -  
that person - the problem – people**

Some \_\_\_\_\_ on social media objectify \_\_\_\_\_ for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_ to help them put their worries in \_\_\_\_\_. They make nondisabled people think, 'My \_\_\_\_\_ could be worse. I could be that person.' But Stella Young is \_\_\_\_\_ and she doesn't think her life is bad.

For Young, her body and her diagnosis aren't \_\_\_\_\_. She looks at the pictures and sees \_\_\_\_\_ who aren't doing anything out of the ordinary. For Young, the problem is that society objectifies disabled people and views them as exceptional.

02 |

Match the following sentences from the TED Talk.

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|-------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| 'The only disability in life is a bad attitude' |  | won't turn them |  | closed captions** appear |
| Smiling at a flight of stairs                   |  | is              |  | the books to Braille*    |
| Smiling at a TV                                 |  | won't turn      |  | into a ramp              |
| Radiating a positive attitude in a bookshop     |  | isn't           |  | an achievement           |
| Being disabled                                  |  | won't make      |  | a lie                    |

\*BRAILLE (n) letters that blind people can feel with their fingers

\*\*CLOSED CAPTIONS (n) written words on a screen for deaf people

03 |

Which sentences are true? (write T or F)

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| Stella Young was unable to attend school as a child.                                                          |  |
| Her first job was giving inspirational talks at schools.                                                      |  |
| Young feels that people with disability could be better integrated into Australian society.                   |  |
| She feels that Internet images of disabled people are good because they help the world understand disability. |  |
| She feels that the biggest challenges disabled people face are related to their bodies.                       |  |
| She feels inspired by practical ideas that she learns from disabled people.                                   |  |
| She thinks that one of the keys to overcoming disability is to maintain a positive attitude.                  |  |
| She feels that too many people have unrealistically high expectations for people with disabilities.           |  |