

LISTENING – Salman Khan Academy – Ted Talks

Read each question, then watch the video up to the point indicated and make a pause to answer the question. If necessary, go back in the video and watch the relevant scene again.

Watch up to 1'20"

1. What synonym of “approximately” is used to refer to the number of videos? (1'15")
2. How does the speaker pronounce 2,200? (1'16")
3. Which expression is used to stress the difference between two concepts? (1'20")
 - a) from ... to...
 - b) all the way from ... to...
 - c) from ... all the way to...
 - d) as far as ... to...

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5. What synonym of “upload” does he use? (1'53")
 - a) Load up.
 - b) Put up.
 - c) Take up.
6. What is a refresher? (2'00")
 - a) Something unimportant to pass the time.
 - b) Something to remind you of past lessons.
 - c) Something to relax after studying.
7. What synonym of “a lot of” does he use? (2'07")
 - a) a load of
 - b) a bunch of
 - c) a heap of

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(Watch again: 1'50" to 2'10")

Continue watching, **pause at 2'40"**

“Once you get over the backhanded nature of that...” (2'26”)

8. You can get over a disease, a bad experience, or a personal loss. What does “get over” mean?

- a) avoid
- b) recover from
- c) be depressed by

9. A backhand is a nasty blow with the back of one's hand across another's face. What does he mean by “the backhanded nature of that”?

- a) a disagreeable aspect
- b) an unexpected fact
- c) a violent attack

10. What synonym of “a lot of” does he use? (2'38”)
From their point of view it makes ... sense.

- a) a heap of
- b) a ton of
- c) a bunch of

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(Watch again: 2'20" to 2'40")

Continue watching, **pause at 3'39"**

11. What word can we use to emphasise “the first” and “the last”? (3'10” – 3'15”)

It was the _____ first time / day / thing / person / etc.

12. What does “stumble on something” mean? (3'39”)

- a) come across
- b) find by chance
- c) happen to find
- d) all the above are correct

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(Watch again: 3'07" to 3'39")

Continue watching, **pause at 5'05"**

13. "Leadership" means "liderazgo"; "friendship" means "amistad". What is the meaning of "viewership"? (4'35")

- a) the time it takes to view a videoclip
- b) the quality of the image in a videoclip
- c) the number of people who view a videoclip

14. "My twelve-year-old son has autism ... we stumbled on your videos on decimals, and it got through" (5'00")

What is the meaning of "get through" in this extract?

- a) be easy to understand
- b) be hard to understand
- c) be communicated effectively

15. What is the meaning of "dreaded" in "then we went on to the dreaded fractions"? (5'02")

- a) difficult
- b) scary
- c) complex
- d) basic

16. What is the meaning of "he got it"? (5'03")

- a) He bought it.
- b) He received it as a present.
- c) He received it by post.
- d) He understood it.
- e) He managed to do it.

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(Watch again: 4'30" to 5'05")

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17. What is the meaning of "it dawned on me"? (5'29")

- a) I slowly understood
- b) I suddenly realised
- c) I had an idea

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(Watch again: 5'05" to 5'30")

Continue watching, **pause at 7'30"**

18. The audience thought Salman had said "I want applause", but what did he really say? (6'28")

- a) I won applause.
- b) I wanna pause.
- c) I won a plus.

19. "By removing the one-size-fits-all lecture from the classroom and letting students have a self-paced lecture at home..."

What is a "one-size-fits-all lecture"? (6'53")

- a) A speech on a topic that is interesting for all the audience.
- b) An explanation by the teacher which is appropriate for all the students.
- c) A very simple explanation that everyone can understand.
- d) An explanation that is too difficult or too easy for a lot of people.

20. "At a slow pace" means "walking slowly".
What is a self-paced lecture? (6'58")

- a) one which is easy enough to understand
- b) one where you can control how quickly it is given.
- c) one where you can decide how many times you listen to it.

21. "Having the peers actually be able to interact with each other..." (7'07")

Who are your peers in a classroom?

- a) my teachers
- b) my classmates

22. What is the meaning of "actually"? Mark ALL its synonyms:

- at present in fact now really
currently nowadays at the moment

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(Watch again: 6'25" to 7'30")

The whole videoclip takes up around 20 minutes, but the rest is intended especially for teachers and education authorities.