

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.

'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)

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.	