

Comprehension

Watch Ron Gutman's TED Talk, The hidden power of smiling, on TED.com. Then decide if these statements are true or false.

▶ The hidden power of smiling | Ron Gutman

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9cGdRNMdQQ&ab_channel=TED

- 1 When he was a child, Ron Gutman wanted superpowers. _____
- 2 A study in California looked at the relationship between people's smiles in their old college yearbooks and their future success. _____
- 3 Baseball players who didn't smile in their pictures lived longer than players who had big, beaming smiles. _____
- 4 According to Gutman, we learn to smile from our parents. _____
- 5 Different cultures use smiles to express different emotions. _____
- 6 Children smile on average more than adults. _____
- 7 If you put a pencil in your mouth it is harder to judge whether another person's smile is real or fake.

- 8 Smiling shows happiness, but Darwin suggested that smiling can make you happy, too.

- 9 According to Gutman, studies have found that one smile stimulates the brain almost as much as a bar of chocolate. _____

Opinion

Look at the following pieces of evidence that he uses to support his point. Which are the most convincing, in your opinion?

- a the research comparing people's smiles and their later lives
- b the information about babies smiling
- c the information about smiling in different cultures
- d the information about how often people smile
- e the research about how smiling affects other people
- f the evidence that smiling stimulates the brain