



# Online lectures

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**



### Paragraph 1

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|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. realize    | a. Of a computer screen that suddenly stops, with no movement or control of the cursor. |
| 2. throughout | b. Suddenly understand or become aware of something.                                    |
| 3. attending  | c. Make smaller.                                                                        |
| 4. switched   | d. From the beginning to the end.                                                       |
| 5. reduce     | e. Changed something in place of something else.                                        |
| 6. spread     | f. Being present at an event, meeting, or function.                                     |
| 7. froze      | g. The movement of something across a larger and larger area.                           |

## Match.



# Match.

## Paragraph 2

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|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 8. contact  | h. Get in touch with or communicate with someone.  |
| 9. waved    | i. An unlucky accident.                            |
| 10. viral   | j. Moved ones hands or arms from side to side.     |
| 11. upset   | k. Repeat an action.                               |
| 12. wasting | l. Everywhere online or on social media.           |
| 13. redo    | m. Made unhappy.                                   |
| 14. mishap  | n. Using something unnecessarily or for no reason. |



# The article.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2102/210213-online-lecture.html>

A university professor in Singapore gave a two-hour online lecture but didn't realize he was on mute. Professor Wang, who teaches maths, was not aware that throughout his online presentation, the microphone on his computer was switched off. This meant that none of the students attending his online class heard what professor Wang was talking about. His university switched his classes online to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. His lecture started well but then it froze. The video came back but the mic was off and professor Wang did not notice. One of his students says it might have been because the professor was using an iPad and not a computer.

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/singaporen-professor-lecture-2-hour-190353603.html>  
<https://www.aydailynews.com/news/world/ny-singapore-professor-mute-lesson-20210218-gm2-kwato3m5cho52wa57504-story.html>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9547005/Maths-professor-Singapore-delivers-two-hour-lecture-Sound-mute-mist.html>



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Students tried many times to contact professor Wang during the lesson but could not get through to him. They waved their arms and even tried calling him on his personal phone. A video of the moment he understood his mic was off has gone viral on the Internet. It has received more than 653,000 views. After realizing what happened, professor Wang appeared shocked and stressed. He said he was upset at the thought of wasting two hours of his students' time. He has offered to redo the lecture at a different time so his students do not miss that class. One of his students posted on social media about the professor's mishap. She wrote: "I took a class under him before and he teaches well. I feel bad for him."



## True or False?

- a. The professor in the article teaches computer coding. **T / F**
- b. Not a single student heard what the professor was saying. **T / F**
- c. The article said the professor froze. **T / F**
- d. A student blamed the mishap on an iPad. **T / F**
- e. Students waved their phones at the professor. **T / F**
- f. A video of the professor has gone viral on the Internet. **T / F**
- g. The professor is sad because he wasted his students' time. **T / F**
- h. The professor said he would not redo the lecture. **T / F**



## Synonym match.

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. lecture    | a. get in touch with |
| 2. aware      | b. changed           |
| 3. throughout | c. accident          |
| 4. switched   | d. conscious         |
| 5. froze      | e. troubled          |
| 6. contact    | f. stopped           |
| 7. moment     | g. class             |
| 8. appeared   | h. time              |
| 9. upset      | i. for the whole of  |
| 10. mishap    | j. seemed            |



## Phrase match.

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|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A university professor in Singapore gave a | a. on the Internet         |
| 2. didn't realize he                          | b. presentation            |
| 3. throughout his online                      | c. the lecture             |
| 4. help reduce the spread                     | d. was on mute             |
| 5. His lecture started well                   | e. contact professor Wang  |
| 6. Students tried many times to               | f. for him                 |
| 7. gone viral                                 | g. two-hour online lecture |
| 8. wasting two hours of                       | h. but then it froze       |
| 9. He has offered to redo                     | i. his students' time      |
| 10. I feel bad                                | j. of COVID-19             |