

B Read the article below and follow the tips in the margin.

A GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Salman Khan is a man with a mission. This young American wants to make education accessible to everyone in the world. To fulfill this aim, he has founded a free online website, which is viewed by over one million students a day. The website boasts over 3,500 videos on a range of subjects from basic math to computer science, and surprisingly the enthusiastic voice students hear on every video is that of Salman Khan himself.

Khan, originally a financial analyst, didn't plan to become a tutor. He fell into his new role by accident when he began to help his cousin who was living far from him with her homework. To make access simpler for her, he posted his lessons on YouTube. Within days he was receiving positive feedback from students and parents all over the world. Khan realized his videos were reaching students in a way that teachers couldn't. He concluded that for many, individual learning at a student's pace far outweighed listening to a teacher give an overall explanation to 30 or more students. This made him realize that he could make a huge difference to education. He quit his job and, with generous donations from tech giants such as Microsoft's Bill Gates and Google's Eric Schmidt, he founded the Khan Academy, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing free education to anyone who is connected to the Internet.

Naturally, there are educators who question Khan's ability to teach, as he has no formal training in education and no experience with children. But Khan says that he isn't trying to replace the classroom. He is simply trying to reinvent it by turning homework and class time upside down. In Khan's flipped classroom, students view his lectures on video for homework. Then the next day students do exercises in class while the teacher helps those who are struggling. Currently, his academy is being used by 25 schools in California. Khan's team works in close coordination with the staff of the schools – keeping detailed track of each student's progress. Khan says his goal is “to help kids at the back of the pack catch up more quickly”. The results have been impressive and show a significant decrease in the gap between weak and strong students.

Essentially, Khan's vision is a global classroom, where students learn from his videos and work together even if they are living in different countries. His message is appealing: “I teach the way that I wish I was taught. The lectures are coming from me, an actual human being who is fascinated by the world around him.”

(Information from “Reboot School”, *Time* magazine, July 9, 2012)

C Answer questions 1-8 in English according to the article. In questions 1 and 8, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

1. What is the purpose of Khan's website? (lines 1-6)

(i) to make videos available for all

(ii) to supply an online library

(iii) to provide free education

(iv) to encourage Internet use

2. How did Khan come up with the idea to educate the world?

COMPLETE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. (lines 7-18)

(i) Khan's cousin asked him for help with her homework.

(ii) He helped her by _____.

(iii) People around the world reacted positively.

(iv) He understood that many students would prefer _____.

_____.

3. “Khan realized his videos were reaching students in a way that teachers couldn’t.”
(lines 11-12)

Give an example that proves this from another paragraph.

ANSWER: _____

4. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

Bill Gates and Eric Schmidt are mentioned (line 16) because _____

_____ .

5. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. (lines 19-29)

Some people believe that Khan is an unsuitable educator because _____
_____.

6. How does Khan's classroom differ from the traditional classroom? (lines 19-29)

ANSWER: _____

7. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE ACCORDING TO LINES 30-33.

We can infer that the writer's opinion of Khan's method is _____.

8. Another title for the text could be (-).

(i) The Power of the Internet

(ii) A Generous Donation

(iii) One Man's Dream

(iv) No More Lessons