

TED TALKS: 5 VIDEOS TO TRANSFORM YOUR ENGLISH LEARNING EXPERIENCE

TRAVEL CONVERSATION

SEMESTER 3, LESSON 014



TABLETOPIC

Choose and discuss one of these interesting table topic questions in order to get warmed up for the lesson!

Table Topic:

Why are you learning English?
Please talk about your English learning experience.

Hypothetical Table Topic:

Imagine your friend has given up on English. How can you inspire them to start learning again?



USEFUL WORDS

Read and practice these useful words.
You'll come across them in the following section.

mania - a very strong interest in something that fills a person's mind or uses up all their time

He has been in a **mania** over his job promotion this week and hasn't been able to sleep.

insight - (the ability to have) a clear, deep, and sometimes sudden understanding of a complicated problem or situation

Do you have any **insight** into the mind of a woman? My girlfriend has me baffled.

technique - a way of doing an activity that needs skill

What's your **technique** for learning English? I like to learn using TPR.

astonishing - very surprising

Trump was elected president? That's **astonishing**!

provocative - causing thought about interesting subjects

Did you read that new **provocative** book on government corruption? I want to take some action after reading it!



USEFUL VIDEOS

Read and practice the vocabulary below.

Video 1: The world's English mania by Jay Walker

Topic: Why and how are two billion people trying to learn English? Interesting **insights** into the mania.

Video 2: Fluent in 3 months by Benny Lewis

Topic: The secret to learn English from someone who originally had trouble even learning his own language of English.

Video 3: The Birth of a Word by Deb Roy

Topic: A MIT researchers shows how his son learned language by using **astonishing techniques**.

Video 4: Don't Insist on English! by Patricia Ryan

Topic: An exploration of **provocative** questions concerning language and culture. For example: What if Einstein had to pass the TOEFL?



GUIDED CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

Which of these videos interests you most? Why?

Do you know any inspiring stories about language learning?

Can you offer any **insight** into language learning?

Have you heard of TED Talks? What do you know about it?

Have you ever experienced **mania**? Tell us about it.

What's the most **astonishing** news you've ever gotten?

What is/are your **technique(s)** for losing weight/getting into shape/learning English/getting work done?

Do you know of any **provocative** questions or ideas?
Please, do share.



ACTIVITY

Use this activity to practice the vocabulary and idioms you have learned so far!

Presentation

Students should choose a video they would like to watch and let their teacher know why they are choosing that video. They should also talk about the biggest weakness or problem they face while learning English. The teacher should give the students a short time to prepare.



HOMework

Homework! Daily practice is essential
for language learning.

1 MINUTE PRESENTATION/SPEECH

Prepare to talk about the TED Talks video you watched. Give a 1-minute speech presenting it (after the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).



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