



CCS1090d

Academic English Skills

Week 10 – Session 2

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Aims of today's lesson



TED Talk 3 –
Discussion

Listening Skills
(locating key
information)

Speaking Skills
(expressing
opinion)

Practice on
thesis statement-
examples

What's the topic of today's TED Talk?



Discuss:



- 1) What features make a video game great?
- 2) Why are video games so 'addictive'?
- 3) Can video games shape our personality and/or skills?
- 4) Have you ever played a video game that has changed your life?
- 5) Is being good at video games innate or something one can develop?

TED Talk 3



Jane McGonigal, "Gaming can make a better world"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dE1DuBesGYM>

Take notes & Discuss



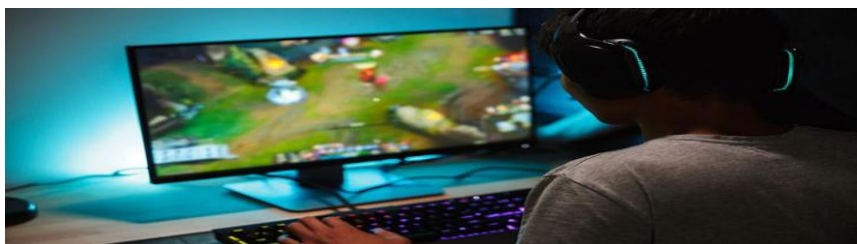
- Think about other games, such as "Call of Duty" and "League of Legends". Do you think McGonigal is right to be claiming that games foster collaboration?
- Do you think we could use games as simulations of the real world?

Did you know?



31.12 million online game players in China (2006)

10% of them → under 18



- Online operators need to set up a "game fatigue system" that encourages players under 18 to play less than 3 hours a day.
- Online gamers required to register using real names and identity card numbers to indicate if they are younger than 18.
- Online game operators will have up to four months to install the system; and games not embedded with the software by July 16 will be shut down.

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Under the system, known as the "anti-online game addiction system", the first 3 hours of play for each day is considered "healthy", during which players will be awarded full points in the virtual world. The next 2 hours will yield only half the normal points and there will be no points after 5 hours.

After the 5-hour limit, players will be subjected every 15 minutes to the warning: "You have entered unhealthy game time, please go offline immediately to rest. If you do not, your health will be damaged and your points will be cut to zero."

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New policy in 2019

Implement real name identification systems across all games

Game operators stop minors from playing after 1.5 hours of game time on weekdays and 3 hours during holidays.

Minors blocked from playing games between 10pm and 8am.

Thesis statement examples



To prevent recurrence of school shootings in America, stricter security measures, frequent evaluation of students' mental health and an open-door policy is needed.

Life in big cities is hard to get used to and overwhelming, the cost of living is expensive, the ever growing pollution is disheartening and the high crime rates are reason enough to repel me from living in said areas.

Rural life is preferable to city living because of a greater connection to nature, more meaningful connections with others, and the increased freedom provided by seclusion.



Improving your thesis



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→ People should start jogging to improve their health, as cardio regulates blood circulation, it makes one feel better physically and mentally but also boosts one's immune system.

What's wrong with these thesis statements?



The television has been a bad influence on individuals because of the excess amounts of advertisements which can lead them to waste their time and money but it can be fixed by making changes in the television industry.

The TV used to have a pretty big influence on people's lives being one of their main sources of news and entertainment. But as the years passed more and more people stopped tuning in to TV programs and chose alternative online methods of news and entertainment, usually by the younger generation.

