

Part 3

What kind of person makes a good teacher?

A person who is smart and caring makes a good teacher. Also, the person should like talking to other people and presenting information.

Why do you think people choose to become teachers?

There are many reasons, but I think that most teachers want to make a positive difference in others' lives. Many teachers have family members who were teachers.

Which is more important for a teacher—to be an expert in the subject he or she teaches, or to be very skilled at explaining things and motivating students to learn?

I think it's more important for a teacher to be an expert in the subject matter. How can you teach a subject if you don't know it very well? You have to know it in order to explain it. You have to be able to answer any questions the students ask. Anybody can read a book on any subject, but the subject matter expert is the one who can explain it well.

How are schools different now from when you were young? How do you think they will be different in the future?

When I was a child in school, we didn't have so much technology. We had computers, but they weren't in every classroom and a lot of the teachers didn't know how to use them. So I had a more traditional education. Now I believe computers are often used in schools. Children use the Internet now for research. That makes a very big difference. They can have access to a lot of information they didn't have before. In the future, I think there might not be any schools at all. Children will just stay home and do all their learning through the Internet.

ACADEMIC MODEL TEST 4

Listening

Example: (C) Line 3 has a woman ask, "Tickets? That's our Special Events Department. Let me transfer you." She directs the phone call to that number.

1. (C) Choice (C) is correct because in lines 5 and 7, the man says, "I'm interested in the series you have going on now . . . Actually, I meant the concert series." Choice (A) is incorrect because in line 6, the woman thinks he is interested in the "lecture series on the history of art", but he isn't. Choice (B) is incorrect because he's interested in listening to music at the concert, not attending a lecture.
2. (A) All three choices are mentioned. Choice (A) is correct because in lines 8–11, the woman explains: "there's still a concert tomorrow, that's Thursday." The man asks, "The one tomorrow, is that when they'll be playing the Mozart concerto?" and the woman answers, "Yes, it is." Choice (B) and (C) are incorrect because the man does not want to attend the concert on those days, even though there are performances. In line 8, the woman says, "There's also one [concert] on Saturday, and then the last one is on Sunday."
3. *Milford*. In line 13, he provides his name, "It's Steven Milford. That's M-i-l-f-o-r-d."
4. *1659798164*. In line 17, he gives his credit card number, "1659798164."
5. *32.70*. In line 20, she says: "At 16.35 a piece that comes out to a total of 32 pounds and 70 p/pence."
6. Library