

Commencement speech¹ by Steve Jobs for graduates of Stanford University (Stanford is a town not far from San Francisco in California). Delivered on June 12th, 2005

1.- Watch the first past and answer the questions:

1. Has Steve Jobs ever graduated from college? (in the US, college = university)

No, he dropped out after 18 months

2. What is he going to tell in his speech?

Three stories of his life

2.- Before you watch the second part.

3. What do you think the saying “connecting the dots” means?

Connecting situations of his life

3.- After you watch. Answer these questions:

4. What was Jobs' biological mother's wish?

She wanted his son to be adopted by graduated parents

5. What were his adoptive parents like? How did they fulfill the wish of his biological mother?

His adoptive father had never graduated from high school and his adoptive mother had never graduated from college.

They promised that Steve will go to college

6. Why did Steve drop out from college? Did it make him happier?

College didn't answer his most important questions, so he drop out of college, and had to sleep at the floor of some friends room,

7. How did he save money while at college?

He returned coke bottles for 0.05\$

8. Which course did he take? Why?

Caligraphy course, because he had free time and he loved it

9. How was this course useful?

He designed Mac letter based on the caligraphy course he took.

Before you watch the third part.

10. What do you know about Apple Company?

Apple Company was created by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, and this company grewed in a massive way

After you watch. Choose the correct answer:

11. Jobs and his partner started the company in his parents' **garage** / flat / shop.

12. When Jobs turned 30, he was **promoted** / **fired** / **awarded a prize**.

13. After that he was **okay** / **at a loss** / **happy to start over**.

14. The next few years were the most creative period of Jobs' life and he **started two new companies** / **started Pixar** / **started two new companies and got married**.

15. Steve Jobs returned to Apple because **he was invited again** / **Apple bought one of his companies** / **he became rich and bought Apple**.

16. The main idea of this story is **never give up** / **love what you do** / **when you lose something, you'll always find something else**.

Before you watch the final part:

17. Why do you think his third story is about death?

Because he had cancer

After you watch the final part, answer these questions:

18. What question does he ask himself every morning?

If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today

19. Why does he think the concept of death is important?

Remembering that you are going to die is the best way to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose

20. What happened to him a year ago?

He was diagnosed with a cancer

21. What was the Google of the 60s like? What was its name?

22. “Stay hungry. Stay foolish” – where do these words come from?

He found on a magazine called The Whole Earth Catalog

23. What do you think is the message in these final words of the speech?

I think he tries to encourage the youngsters to never stop dreaming and trying to improve themselves

If you had to give a commencement speech today for students beginning bachillerato next year,

what would you include in it? Write your own commencement speech.

Listen boys, this year you begin bachiller, don't be scared it will be hard, but you are tough people for sure, this time in two years, you will have a diploma on your hands and you'll be so happy for this.

I hope you follow your dreams and make them real.

When I was your age, I remember I thought that I wasn't smart enough for bachiller, but day after day I kept studying hard, so if I could you can too.

¹ A commencement speech is an opportunity to share your experience, values and advice with graduates.

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