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GRIT: THE STRONGEST PREDICTOR OF SUCCESS

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SUMMARY OF THE VIDEO

Angela Lee Duckworth gives a Ted Talk about the strength and perseverance that develops within us. Angela noted that while teaching seventh graders mathematics, she was struck by the fact that IQ was not only the difference between her best and worst students. She was convinced that learning the concepts was not impossible, and that any student who worked hard and long enough could master the material. She left teaching to pursue a career as a psychologist after concluding that what is required in education is a far deeper knowledge of pupils and learning from a motivational and psychological viewpoint. She identified one quality that stood out after multiple studies: grit. Grit means having stamina and having dedication for a specific goal that lasts not only weeks, months, but years. Grit is usually unrelated to measuring talent because the ability to learn is not fixed and can change depending on the amount of effort a person exerts.



"And we have to be willing to fail, to be wrong, to start over again with lessons learned."

SPEECH CONTENT

The speaker Angela Lee Duckworth opened her speech with a story. She shared her experience when she was 27 years old and how she left her job as a management consultant to be a teacher. The speech opening was direct, coherent, and clearly established the intent of the presentation. It was memorable because it created a feeling of interest, the story that she left her job made us curious why she left in the first place and pursued teaching and then eventually gave up teaching and proceeded to study psychology. Then she also stated that during her time as a teacher, she was astonished by how different each student's performance was, from the worst to the brightest. During the introduction, she demonstrates her confidence in speaking by being engaging and succinct.

The speech was very organized in a way it could be easily followed by the audience. The speech was very understandable and the transition of topics was great. The speaker transitioned her speech very smoothly, I observed she didn't take even a brief stop in transitioning she just continued and it was all smooth. For example, her transition moving on to the introduction of "Grit", she presented to us information on what she is about to explain to the audience and transitioned it smoothly to the main topic.

The presentation that Angela Lee Duckworth made is focused on the main objective, which is to affirm that factors like talent and high IQ are not the only variable and determination for success. Her studies and social experiment relates to the capacity of perseverance of soldiers, teachers, and students, and observed how likely they will be successful in their careers based on their status in life. After all those tests, she stated that Grit is a significant predictor of success, and it was not social intelligence, good looks, physical health, nor IQ.

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In one section, she stated that the best way to build grit in kids is to teach them the "growth mindset". Carol Dweck, a Stanford University professor, taught her about the growth mentality. It is the concept that learning ability is not fixed and may be improved with effort. Dr. Dweck has demonstrated that when children read and learn about the brain and how it develops and grows in response to challenge, they are far more inclined to persevere when they fail, since they do not feel failure is a permanent state. As a result, adopting a growth mentality is an excellent way to develop grit.

Her arguments were convincing because of the provided examples and statistics that she stated, like this test where she made questionnaires for high school junior students and based on her studies the results were "grittier kids were significantly more likely to graduate", in addition, she also examined their grit based on family income, standardized achievement tests score, and how safe the kid felt when in school. Angela Lee Duckworth said "our data show very clearly that there are many talented individuals who simply do not follow through on their commitments. In fact, in our data, grit is usually unrelated or even inversely related to measures of talent"

Duckworth's explanation on how children need grit and how grit is perseverance for long-term goals which creates success, has put a lot of people into thinking, whether what is grit? What is the purpose of grit? Or is it only grit the answer for success. Angela explained grit as a passion and perseverance for very long-term goals. Grit is having stamina. Grit is sticking with your future, day in, day out, not just for the week, not just for the month, but for years, and working really hard to make that future a reality. She used analogies and symbolism to help the audience comprehend what it is, and this one statement that she said really well expressed the whole essence of grit, and it is "grit is living life like it's a marathon, not a sprint." Understanding this statement makes you know that life before achievement is excruciating, lengthy, hard, and easy to give up on, and it's just like a marathon where you'll run numerous laps before reaching the finish line, because success in life does not happen instantly like a sprint.

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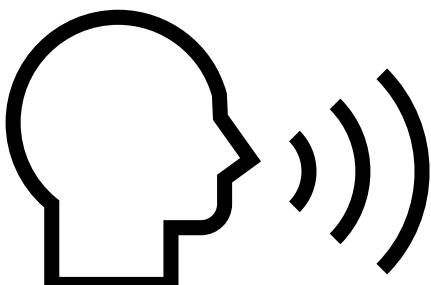
Like the opening, the words, body language, and visuals in the speech conclusion are all critical to speaking success. This is due to the recency effect.

The ending was impactful as it was greatly delivered. The speech ended with a phrase that usually marks that the speech is nearly done or the topic was moving to the last phase. Her words were more bold and she gave a lesson in the end. Her body language was consistent throughout the speech, using hand gestures, facial expressions and having a sense of confidence while speaking.

"We need to take our best ideas, our strongest intuitions, and we need to test them. We need to measure whether we've been successful."

DELIVERY SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES

The delivery skills and techniques of the speaker are that she speaks consistently and fluently. We can also notice that she did not build any sort of confusion for the audience because the story is well-detailed and direct. She was able to express her experience, opinions, feelings, and realizations clearly to the listeners. The way she delivers her speech and the way she acts shows how charismatic, confident, and passionate she is in sharing her story and that was one of the best characteristics that she possesses resulting in her earning the attention of the audience. She also instills in her audience the values of grit and perseverance, and her enthusiasm can be seen in the way she delivers her speech. Finally, given of how she conveys her idea across, the presentation feels more natural and has a purpose.



BIAS AND PREJUDICE

Angela's presentation and her enthusiasm for the topic of grit lead one to believe that she is biased in favor of the belief that grit is the key to success, and that her Tedtalk will prejudice the audience. Angela genuinely believes that grit is a determining factor of success, and she can state this based on her studies and trials, as well as the stories and anecdotes she has offered to back up her statement. This topic is vital to everyone, especially young people since it debunks the notion that success requires an inconceivable IQ, and with the existence of this discussion, it reformats our minds to believe that failure is not a permanent condition and that learning is not fixed because our outcomes can alter with grit and effort.



TED TALK REVIEW

The video was educational and informative for both the youth and adults. We think it's important for people to know that grit is a significant trait that a person should have in accomplishing goals, especially long-term ones. The point of this TED talk was despite having a high IQ, if you can't persevere during difficult times and stay committed to your goal there is a greater chance that you won't be able to achieve it. We have to be resilient to failures, open to making mistakes, and eventually learn from those mistakes. The video was an eye-opener for us that being intelligent and strategic in school and even in life is an advantage but if you don't have a growth mindset and you easily give up or in other words, you don't have the grit it would be much harder for you to be successful at something. The message was inspiring and we want to share it not just with our fellow students but with everyone as well.

