

TED x IELTS: Talk Nerdy to Me

Listen to a speaker talk about the importance of good communication. While you listen, answer the ten questions below.

QUESTIONS 1-6 (Sentence Completion) You should write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each answer.

The speaker argues that 1. _____ and 2. _____ need to be better at communicating.

The first question they must answer is 3. _____? In other words, why is their science relevant to us?

They can help people understand their ideas by avoiding 4. _____.

A good example of this are the words 5. _____ which can easily be expressed as space and time.

However, that doesn't mean they need to 6. _____. Ideas should be kept as simple as possible, but not made any simpler.

QUESTIONS 7-10 (Multiple Choice) Choose ONE ANSWER for each question.

7. What does the speaker say about bullet points?

- A. They are dangerous to humans.
- B. They depend too much on language.
- C. They should be banned from presentations.

8. Why does the speaker mention the Eiffel Tower?

- A. It's a useful analogy.
- B. It has a unique design.
- C. It prevents tourists from getting lost.

9. The purpose of the equation is to:

- A. Define the relevance to your audience
- B. Find your true passion
- C. Improve your conversations

10. What do you think is the speaker's occupation?

- A. Scientist
- B. Engineer
- C. Neither of the above

See the answers at <http://ielts-academic.com/answers>

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