



TED TALKS	THEME	COMMUNICATION	GRAMMAR	SPEAKING	KEY VOCABULARY
	<b>Boyd Varty</b> <b>What I learned from Nelson Mandela</b>	Nature conservation Community shared experiences	Tension and Humor	Definite Articles	/ði/ and /ðə/ connection, look after, nature, safari, share, society
	<b>Candy Chang</b> <b>Before I die I want to...</b>	Art street art Goals wishes and hopes	Using Emotion	Verb + <i>-ing</i> or Infinitive with <i>to</i>	Word Stress abandoned, community, meaningful, neighbor, reflect on, space
	<b>Cosmin Mihaiu</b> <b>Physical therapy is boring— play a game instead</b>	Health role of technology	Time Expressions	Simple Past and Past Continuous	-ed Verb Endings motivation, movement, patient, physical therapy, recovery, software
	<b>Derek Sivers</b> <b>Weird, or just different?</b>	Cities addresses/directions Culture doing things differently	Changing Focus	Demonstrative Adjectives	Ordinal and Cardinal Numbers address, assumption, block (n), confused, opposite, street
	<b>Karen Bass</b> <b>Unseen footage, untamed nature</b>	Nature film-making	Using Descriptive Language	Quantifiers	Reduced <i>to</i> experience, film, image, location, message, shot
	<b>Laura Trice</b> <b>Remember to say thank you</b>	Family responsibilities Relationships roles	The Rule of Three	Present Continuous	Pronouncing <i>-ing</i> admiration, block, genuine, insecure, praise, proud
	<b>Matt Cutts</b> <b>Try something new for 30 days</b>	Goals power of short-term goals	Fixed Expressions	<i>Actually, Really, Exactly</i>	Short Pauses adventurous, challenge, habit, memorable, self-confidence, stick
	<b>Richard St. John</b> <b>Eight secrets of success</b>	Work Achievements Success	Invented Words	Reported Speech	Intonation in Questions creativity, doubt, focus, passion, persist, push, serve, success
	<b>Toby Shapshak</b> <b>You don't need an app for that</b>	Innovation necessity Technology simple inventions	Rhetorical Questions	Prepositions of Place and Movement	Intrusion infrastructure, innovation, necessity, SMS, technology, transact
	<b>Tyler DeWitt</b> <b>Hey science teachers—make it fun</b>	Science Education making education fun	Expressions for Making a Point Stronger	Adverbs of Degree and <i>so</i>	Emphasis communication, dumb down, expert, jargon, seriousness, understandable

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	<b>Adam Alter</b> <b>Why our screens make us less happy</b>	Technology screens Lifestyle electronic device addiction	Reformulation	Quantifiers	Schwa /ə/	device, meaningful, personal, rule, screen, temptation
	<b>Camille Seaman</b> <b>Haunting photos of polar ice</b>	Nature human connections Environment global warming	Personification	Infinitives	Weak Forms of <i>to</i>	continuation, iceberg, interconnected, melt, personality, snowflake
	<b>Jarrett J. Krosoczka</b> <b>How a boy became an artist</b>	Art book illustrations Milestones personal journeys	Anecdotes	The Simple Past	- <i>ed</i> Endings	illustrate, inspire, passion, publish, style, support
	<b>Joachim de Posada</b> <b>Don't eat the marshmallow!</b>	Personality factors for success	Reading Body Language	Talking about Past Habits	The Letter <i>c</i>	application, drop out, factor, gratification, marshmallow, self-discipline
	<b>Kang Lee</b> <b>Can you really tell if a kid is lying?</b>	Interpersonal Abilities lying Science emotion technology	Different Meanings of Words	Present Perfect Simple and Continuous	List Intonation	detect, development, excuse, hidden, honest, liar
	<b>Karim Abouelnaga</b> <b>A summer school kids actually want to attend</b>	Education high quality schooling		Numbers	Zero Conditional	Intonation in Conditional Sentences
	<b>Kio Stark</b> <b>Why you should talk to strangers</b>	Community engaging with people	Retelling Stories	Modals for Speculation about the Present	The Contraction <i>'ll</i>	bond, interaction, interruption, notice, stranger, trust
	<b>Rana el Kaliouby</b> <b>This app knows how you feel—from the look on your face</b>	Feelings Technology emotion apps	Asking Questions	Comparatives and Superlatives	Intonation in Questions	algorithm, characteristics, device, emotion, expression, recognize
	<b>Robert Waldinger</b> <b>What makes a good life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness</b>	Relationships factors for success Health happiness	Imagery and Metaphors	The Passive Voice	Weak Form of <i>can</i> and Missing /t/ in <i>can't</i>	achieve, be satisfied, count on, invest, mood, relationship, study, track
	<b>Tim Urban</b> <b>Inside the mind of a master procrastinator</b>	Goals time management  Balancing Stress	Hyperbole, Irony, and Metaphors	Relative Clauses	Patterns in Relative Clauses	all-nighter, deadline, distraction, instant gratification, procrastination, short-term



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	<b>James Veitch</b> <b>This is what happens when you reply to spam email</b>	Humor scam/spam email	<i>Like</i>	Continuous Forms	Rising Intonation to Show Disbelief	correspondence, hysterical, knock it on the head, matter, out of hand, turn up
	<b>Joe Kowan</b> <b>How I beat stage fright</b>	Challenges methods for success Self-development overcoming fears	Changing Tenses	First and Second Conditional	Minimal Pairs	discomfort, ease, get past, irrational, issue, stage fright
	<b>Lakshmi Pratury</b> <b>The lost art of letter-writing</b>	Family legacies Feelings personal accounts	Connecting with an Audience	Verb Patterns with <i>-ing</i> and Infinitive	<i>th</i> Sound	autographed, chronicle, committed, compile, legacy, revolution
	<b>Latif Nasser</b> <b>The amazing story of the man who gave us modern pain relief</b>	Storytelling  Health pain management	The Power of Short Sentences	Past Perfect Simple	Contracted <i>d</i>	chronic pain, devote, injection, injury, medical, relief, treat, wrestle
	<b>Reshma Saujani</b> <b>Teach girls bravery, not perfection</b>	Education female achievement Taking Risks factors for success	Contrasts	The Passive Voice	Speech Units	bravery, bright, code, failure, perfection, risk, run for office, socialize
	<b>Ron Gutman</b> <b>The hidden power of smiling</b>	Emotions smiling	Making Comparisons	Ability and Future in the Past	<i>u</i> Sound (/ju/vs./ə/)	contagious, facial, frown, predict, stimulate, superpower, suppress, well-being
	<b>ShaoLan Hsueh</b> <b>How to read Chinese... with ease</b>	Education learning strategies Language Chinese	Similes and Metaphors	Future Forms	<i>Gonna</i>	building blocks, calligrapher, character, comprehend, literacy, sequence
	<b>Siegfried Woldhek</b> <b>The search for the true face of Leonardo</b>	Art Leonardo da Vinci	Rhetorical Questions	Reduced Relative Clauses	Rising and Falling Intonation	accepted, characteristic, controversy, eliminate, icon, profile
	<b>Steven Johnson</b> <b>The playful wonderland behind great inventions</b>	Innovation origin of inventions Leisure play	Signposting Important Information	Zero Conditionals in the Past	Stressing Important Words	automated, breakthrough, exploratory, innovation, necessity, playful, programmable, tool
	<b>Zaria Forman</b> <b>Drawings that show the beauty and fragility of Earth</b>	Art human connection Environment global awareness	Engaging People's Emotions	Subordinating Conjunctions to Express Time	Elision of /t/ and /d/	composition, convey, fragility, remote, scale, transition

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	<b>Andy Puddicombe</b> <b>All it takes is 10 mindful minutes</b>	Self-development dealing with stress	Engaging the Audience	Cleft Sentences	Contrastive Stress	clarity, juggle, inundated, meditation, mindful, monk
	<b>Aziza Chaouni</b> <b>How I brought a river, and my city, back to life</b>	Environment waste Community working together	Register	Linking Words	Sentence Stress with Linking Words	activist, compromise, intervention, rehabilitation, reimagine, stakeholder
	<b>Drew Dudley</b> <b>Everyday leadership</b>	Interpersonal Abilities understanding leadership	<i>Just</i>	Phrasal Verbs	Spoken Stress in Phrasal Verbs	capable, catalyst, credit, devalue, impact, leadership, redefine, transformative
	<b>eL Seed</b> <b>Street art with a message of hope and peace</b>	Art graffiti Culture power of language	Borrowed Words	<i>Wh-</i> Clauses after Verbs	Intensifying Adverbs	ambassador, calligraphy, decipher, graffiti, quote, reunite, stereotype, tolerance
	<b>Hans Rosling and Ola Rosling</b> <b>How not to be ignorant about the world</b>	Statistics global awareness	Discourse Markers	Tag Questions	Intonation in Tag Questions	bias, generalize, ignorance, intuition, preconceived, systematic
	<b>Jack Andraka</b> <b>A promising test for pancreatic cancer... from a teenager</b>	Biology medical discovery	Humor	Quantifiers	Slowing Down Speech and Adding Stress	antibodies, bloodstream, detect, pancreatic cancer, proteins, sensor
	<b>Michael Bierut</b> <b>How to design a library that makes kids want to read</b>	Education access to resources	Repetition	Grammar of <i>Get</i>	Assimilation of /t/	enterprise, graphic, initiative, librarian, mural, unintended
	<b>Mundano</b> <b>Trash cart superheroes</b>	Urban Life helping others	Showing Passion	Nominalization	Stress in Compounds	abundance, acknowledge, boundary, deficiency, marginalize, renovate, superhero, self-esteem
	<b>Rose George</b> <b>Inside the secret shipping industry</b>	Commerce understanding trade	Metaphors	The Perfect Aspect	Weak Form of <i>of</i>	dependent, emissions, habitat, inhuman, piracy, recognition, scrutiny, seafarer
	<b>Susan Robinson</b> <b>How I fail at being disabled</b>	Health disability Global awareness understanding perspectives	Pausing for Effect	Unreal Past and Regrets	Intonation of Subordinate Clauses	awkward, capacity, cure, disabled, genetic, impaired, label, lack