School and Education
TED-based discussion questions

Let's teach for mastery - not for scores

Speaker: Sal Khan

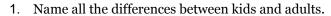www.ted.com/talks/sal_khan_let_s_teach_for_mastery_not_test_scores#t-217411

1. Which subjects do you think are going to be useful for your future?
2. What do like and what do you dislike about homework assignments?
3. Do you think homework assignments are necessary for effective learning?
4. Do students need to be tested?
5. What can you do to learn more effectively?
6. What motivates more: good or bad marks? Why?
7. What motivates young people to learn and develop their skills?
8. How has the development of technology affected learning?
9. What do you think are the key skills you will need in the future?
10. Which subject(s) should be taught at school but they aren't? Why do you think so?

What adults can learn from kids

Speaker: Adora Svitak

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1. Name all the differences between kids and adults.
2. What does "childish" mean? Is it positive or negative? Why?
3. What can adults learn from kids?
4. What can your parents, teachers etc. learn from you?
5. Which qualities, skills and abilities of your teenage self would you like to keep in your adult life?
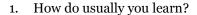6. What makes children creative (often more creative than adults)?

The 100 000 classroom

Speaker: Peter Norvig

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1. How do usually you learn?
2. What helps you learn?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of 1:1 tutoring?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning in a group?
5. Do you prefer to learn 1-to-1, in a small group or in a bigger group?
6. How can technology help learning?
7. Can online learning replace traditional schools? Why? / Why not?
8. What do you find more important: the talent or systematic learning?