

The future of education

1 Brainstorming: The future of learning

a) Make a list of three aspects/skills which will be important for education in the future.

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b) Discuss your list in class.

2 Video: The future of learning

a) Watch this video about the future of learning.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC_T9ePzANG

b) Make a list of the most important points made in the video and compare it with your own list.

- Which aspects are similar?
- Which are different?
- Which were the most surprising statements in the video?

c) Write a short statement in which you explain what you think of these innovative ideas. Do you share them or do you think they are unimportant or even counterproductive?

3 Video: Sir Ken Robinson on education innovation

a) Watch this video of an interview with Sir Ken Robinson about his school years and his views about innovation in education.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0pQzuPnAaA&feature=related>

b) Write down two ideas which you think are important for the future of education.

4 Speaking: Your learning experience

a) Look back at your school career and reflect on the positive and/or negative aspects you have experienced.

- Write down which three aspects were inspiring and should stay the same.
- Write down which three aspects would you like to change.

b) Research your ideas on the internet and find out if there are schools where your ideas have been realised or whether there are schools which have experienced the same problems as you did in your school. If you find websites with such information, use them to collect vocabulary items for your discussion.

c) Paired discussion: Discuss your views with a partner and agree with him/her on one common list with three positive and three negative items.

d) Group discussion: Talk about the most important aspects in the whole group and agree on measures that should help change the educational system.



Learning beyond the classroom

1 Flipped classroom

a) Use the following links and find out what the expression "flipped classroom" means.



Video: Let's use video to reinvent education: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTFEUsudhfs>



Article: Reboot the school: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2118298,00.html>

b) Study the material again and then make a list of useful expressions which you could use to discuss this development.

c) Write a brief description (e.g. for a dictionary or an encyclopaedia) of the term "flipped classroom".

A flipped classroom is

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2 Testing the Khan Academy

a) Use the link below and go to the site of the Khan Academy. Choose at least three learning items and watch the videos.



<http://www.khanacademy.org>

b) Write down your opinion on this way of learning. Use the words in the box to express your thoughts.

useful • inspiring • motivating • boring • monotonous • exciting • to help to make progress •
to encourage to learn • sense of achievement • new • modern • more of the same • astonishing •
successful • persuasive • courageous • ingenious • fascinating • beautiful • funny • informative •
convincing • innovative • to give support • equal opportunities • coaching • new role • advisor •
instructor • self-guided • at your own pace • self-paced lecture • interactive • traditional • obvious

3 Flipped classroom: A critical view

a) Read the following article and take notes of the main points. In addition to the article, read the discussion in the forum at the bottom of the page.



Article: Flipping the classroom requires more than video:

<http://www.wired.com/geekdad/2012/04/flipping-the-classroom/>

b) Having made your own experiences with the Khan Academy and having read the article about it, discuss Salman Khan's project and what it means for education.

- What are the benefits of such an approach?
- What are the shortcomings of this project?
- Would you like to learn in the way Salman Khan suggests? Give reasons.
- Do you think that the way of learning will change as a result of Salman Khan's project? Give reasons for your views.

