



TED Talk: Bill Gates – Mosquitos, Malaria & Education 1.

B2/C1 Listening, Vocabulary and
Speaking skills.

Warm Up:

Discuss the following questions:

1. What are the most important problems facing the world today?
2. Can they be solved? How would you solve them?
3. Are you an optimist or a pessimist?
4. Is there too much fake news and not enough real education?
5. List the top 5 deadliest animals, then check the results, for example here:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_deadliest_animals_to_humans
6. What do you know about Bill Gates?

Watch the TED Video “Mosquitos, Malaria and Education” Up to 7.51

https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_mosquitos_malaria_and_education?utm_campaign=tedsdspread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

Answer the Questions:

1. What does Bill mean when he says, “The market does not drive the scientists, the communicators, the thinkers, the governments to do the right thing.”
2. Is Bill Gates an optimist or a pessimist?
3. What has happened to the average length of a human life over the last century?
4. How many of the 100 million children born in 1960 died before the age of 5?
5. Of the 135 million children born five years ago, how many died before 5?
6. In what decade were there most deaths from malaria?
7. Who discovered malaria was spread by mosquitos?
8. What two tools reduced the death rate back then?
9. By how much do bed nets reduce the spread of malaria?
10. What has Bill Gates’s Foundation recently supported?

Gap Fill

Place the following words from the video in the gaps below.

lifespan	rise	hold back	breakthrough
draw in	avoid	spread	come up with
understate	doable	shrink	half-heartedly
tough	rule out	bring down	phenomenal

1. Many artists are able to _____ large crowds ___ to their exhibitions simply through social media presence.
2. Completing this project on time proved to be quite _____ due to unexpected technical challenges.
3. Scientists are constantly researching ways to extend the average _____ of humans through medical advancements.
4. The performance was absolutely _____; everyone was amazed by the talent on display.
5. The discovery of penicillin was a major _____ in the field of medicine, saving countless lives.
6. While the task seems challenging, it's definitely _____; we just need a clear plan and dedication.
7. To prevent the _____ of the virus, health officials recommend frequent hand washing and wearing masks in crowded places.
8. In order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, it's essential to _____ habits that could lead to serious health issues.
9. The government introduced new policies to _____ inflation rates, aiming to make living costs more manageable for the average citizen.
10. Critics often _____ the impact of social media on society, overlooking the deeper issues it can cause.
11. Regulatory hurdles can _____ innovation if start-ups face too many barriers to entry.
12. Recent data shows a _____ in income levels, attributed to the economic recovery process.
13. After thorough investigation, the police were able to _____ the innocent suspect's involvement in the case.
14. The team managed to _____ a solution just in time to meet the project deadline.
15. The company's profits began to _____ due to decreased demand for their main product.
16. He completed the task _____, lacking enthusiasm and effort.