

IV. Comprehending Information

- Understand extended monologues or presentations on topics that are generally familiar and related to general knowledge or technical/work-related issues in own field.

Task Watch a general interest TED Talk lecture to identify the main idea and detailed information.

Tool Score/Record Sheet

This example is based on The Media unit from the *ELSA 7 Curriculum Guidelines* (pp. 10 - 23) Ss listen to extended monologues to gather information of general knowledge topics. Ss have the opportunity to practice their listening skills with this TED Talk lecture by Noah Wilson-Rich “Every City Needs Healthy Honey Bees”, 2012 (http://www.ted.com/talks/noah_wilson_rich_every_city_needs_healthy_honey_bees).

1. Give the Ss the questions and provide them with one minute to review the questions before starting the task. Ss should have the opportunity to watch/listen to the lecture twice.
2. When the task is complete, collect the Ss’ answers and see which questions were the most difficult for Ss to answer correctly.
3. In a subsequent lesson (or time permitting, done during the same lesson), go over the answers and play back the section of the lecture so that Ss can hear the correct information. If there is still some uncertainty, encourage the Ss to discuss the answers.

Every City Needs Healthy Honey Bees – Noah Wilson-Rich

(http://www.ted.com/talks/noah_wilson_rich_every_city_needs_healthy_honey_bees)

You will listen to a speaker present an argument as to the need for healthy honey bees in cities. You will hear the lecture twice. As you listen, answer the questions. You have 60 seconds to read the questions before you listen.

Instructions: Fill in the blank/circle the correct answer for each question.

1. What is the main idea of this lecture?
 - a. People should stop eating honey because they are stealing
 - b. The importance of bees and encouraging urban bee keeping
 - c. Bees are being infected with a virus all over the continent

2. Why is urban bee keeping beneficial for both bees and humans?
 - a. Easy access to honey and flowers in the gardens
 - b. Fewer bees on the farm and fewer humans being stung
 - c. Better over-wintering survival and higher honey yield

3. Noah is a researcher. His research is looking at how to make bees...

4. Which city is a terrific model for urban bee keeping?

5. Why would this speaker be biased towards wanting urban bee keeping?
 - a. He conducted his research in graduate school on bees.
 - b. He owns an urban bee keeping company.
 - c. Both a and b

6. What is Noah's opinion of urban honey?

7. What is the speaker's tone?
 - a. Angry, frustrated, and mean
 - b. Friendly, relatable, and optimistic
 - c. Sad, discouraged, and melancholy

8. What is Noah's attitude toward current city design?
 - a. Negative – it promotes climate change
 - b. Positive – it keeps people warmer
 - c. Neutral – he doesn't have an opinion