

## TED Talks Test Questions EXAMPLE

### Lesson Plan

**Aim:** to develop the students' ability to listen to a 10 min+ lecture, to take notes and then use those notes to answer the comprehension questions.

**Lesson Time:** *Approximately 1:30-2:00 hours*

#### 1. Lead in

- Ask Students to discuss the 'title' and predict the content of the lecture.
- Ask students to write down key terms / language from their discussions.
- Feed in / check key vocabulary.

#### Three types of lesson

##### **Lesson#1:** [hard]

1. Students listen once and take notes.
2. Give the students 5 minutes to tidy their notes.
3. Students listen again and add to their notes (use a different colour pen).
4. Distribute questions. Set 20-25 minutes to answer.
5. Feedback: distribute or project answers.

##### **Lesson #2:** [medium]

1. Students listen once and take notes.
2. Distribute questions: Set 15 minutes for students to answer the questions from their notes.
3. Students listen again and answer the missed questions as they listen.
4. Give the students an extra 10 minutes to consolidate answers.
5. Feedback: distribute or project answers.

##### **Lesson #3:** [easy]

1. Distribute questions. Students have 10 minutes to read through the questions.
2. Students listen and answer the questions.
3. Give the students 5 minutes to tidy their answers.
4. Students listen again. They check their answers and answer any missed questions.
5. Give the students 5-10 minutes to tidy their answers.
6. Feedback: distribute or project answers.

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## The big myth of government deficits

[listening comprehension questions]

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Check these words and phrases before listening:

### Key vocabulary

1. Deficit
2. [REDACTED]
3. Afloat
4. Budget
5. [REDACTED]
6. Fiat currency
7. Gold standard
8. [REDACTED]
9. Taxpayer
10. [REDACTED]
11. Afford to spend
12. Payroll
13. [REDACTED]
14. Investment
15. Surplus
16. [REDACTED]
17. Financial contribution
18. [REDACTED]
19. Recession
20. Inflation
21. [REDACTED]
22. Resources
23. Debt
24. [REDACTED]
25. Optometrists
26. [REDACTED]

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Take your notes here:

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Answer the following questions:

1. What did Covid highlight?

2. What FOUR things [redacted] during Covid?

3. What does [redacted] change?

4. What does the [redacted] question?

5. What does the speaker [redacted] ?

6. What does the Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) [redacted] ?

7. What was Margaret Thatcher's [redacted] ?

8. Why [redacted] run out of money?

9. The speaker likes [redacted]. What term does she use?

10. What does congress need to [redacted] on things like infrastructure?

**11. What are the FOUR [redacted] and free college?**

**12. What challenge does the [redacted] include dental, vision and hearing?**

**13. What would [redacted] for resources?**

**14. What is the overall summary?**

**15. Critical Thinking:**

- What did you think of this lecture?
- Do you agree with the ideas?
- How do the [redacted] ?
- Are you concerned about the deficit and debt in your country?
- Are the resources to [redacted] in your country?

**Put your ideas here:**

## The big myth of government deficits

### **ANSWERS**

#### **1. What did Covid highlight?**

*It put a spotlight on the **many deficits in our economy** -- in employment, education, health care, housing - and it showed how **inequality made it all worse**.*

#### **2. What FOUR things did governments do to help its people during Covid?**

- 1. They sent money to people directly** to help them buy food and pay rent.*
- 2. They provided free Covid testing and expanded health care** to cover more of the population.*
- 3. They gave money to businesses** to help keep them afloat while much of the economy was temporarily shut down.*
- 4. They .....***

**ALL ANSWERS PROVIDED IN PAID VERSION...**