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Listening and Reading: Critical Skills



Advanced

Listening and Reading (Critical thinking for Advanced learners) α

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Lesson 1 Introduction

Course description, purpose, and understanding the value of the skills to be practiced.

Lessons 2 & 3 Marriage

Reading and listening material will cover why Japan's marriage rate is declining and if it is cause for concern.

Lessons 4 & 5 Being online and mental health

The reading and listening material will enlighten students on the new problems and issues that constantly being "connected" is having on people's mental health.

Lessons 6 & 7 Destructive Consumerism

The reading and listening material will present positions about how consumerism can be destructive to individuals, society, and the environment

Lessons 8 & 9 Universal Basic Income

The reading and listening material will enlighten students on the radical idea of Universal Basic Income: whether it is feasible and if it can really be a solution to some issues in society.

Lessons 10 & 11 Artificial intelligence

The reading and listening material will enlighten students on the current and potential applications, as well as the "threat" to humans.

Lessons 12 & 13 Future technology: the metaverse

The reading and listening material will present how the metaverse will likely change lives in the future.

Lesson 14 Course review



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The reading and listening material will enlighten students on what keeps men and women unequal in society, and if true gender equality is achievable.

Lessons 4 & 5 Mega corporations

The reading and listening material will present how businesses such as Apple, Amazon, and Starbucks were able to become globally successful.

Lessons 6 & 7 The declining birth rate

The reading and listening material will present reasons for having and not having children as well as ideas on how to reverse the declining birthrate.

Lessons 8 & 9 Parenting and education

The reading and listening material will cover education systems and parenting norms around the world and alternative ideas for each, specifically whether current norms/methods should be questioned, such as promoting conformity/individuality, competition, disciplining and traditions.

Lessons 10 & 11 Future society

The reading and listening material will enlighten students on new technology that will change life in the future.

Lessons 12 & 13 Stem cells and genetically engineering humans

The reading and listening material will present various perspectives on the science and moral implications of engineering human life.

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