

An Escape from Poverty TED talk worksheet

Keynote Intermediate Unit 3

You are going to watch a talk about poverty by Jacqueline Novogratz, including many numbers. What numbers/ statistics/ data/ facts do you know related to poverty (in your local area, in your country, in the developing world, in the world, etc)?

Without looking below, watch the video and write down all the numbers that you hear.

Compare your numbers with your partner.

Compare your numbers with the list below.

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- > 20 yrs
- < \$1/ day or < \$2/ day or < \$3/ day
- 3 miles
- 1 mile
- 2/10 mile
- > 500,000
- 8 or 10
- 2
- 18
- 20
- 2001
- 1 year
- \$50
- \$3.25
- Sweet 16
- > \$4/ day
- ~ 1 hr
- ~10% or ~ \$400
- 200
- 2 days/ wk

Watch again and write down what each number represents/ means, e.g. that the first number is how long that the speaker...

Use the mixed answers on the next page to start checking your answers.

Check your answers in pairs and then as a class.

Try to pronounce all the numbers above.

Watch again to check your pronunciation, and/ or check your pronunciation of the numbers as a class.

Mixed answers

- age when Jane got married
- age when Jane got pregnant with her second child
- distance from Nairobi (Kenya) to the slum Mathare Valley
- distance of the (new) low-cost housing development from Nairobi Central
- how long Jane had to save up
- how long the speaker has been working on issues of poverty
- how much Jane makes every day now
- how much Jane pays for an old ball gown in the secondhand clothing market
- Jane counselling HIV patients
- Jane's down-payment (= deposit) on her mortgage (= home loan)
- length of the slum
- number of dreams that Jane had
- people in one room in the slum
- population of the slum
- the definition of poverty
- the first group of families moving into the low-cost housing development
- what Jane saved
- when Jane heard about the organisation Jamii Bora and her life changed
- when people wear the dresses made by Jane
- width of the slum

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Suggested answers

- > 20 years (more than twenty years) – how long she's been working on issues of poverty
- < \$1/ day (less than a dollar a day) or < \$2/ day (less than two dollars a day) or < \$3/ day – the definition of poverty
- 3 miles – distance from Nairobi (Kenya) to the slum Mathare Valley
- 1 mile (a mile) – length of the slum
- 2/10 mile (two tenths of a mile) – width of the slum
- > 500,000 (over half a million) – population of the slum
- 8 or 10 – people in one room in the slum
- 2 – number of dreams that Jane had
- 18 – age when Jane got married
- 20 – age when Jane got pregnant with her second child
- 2001 – when Jane heard about the organisation Jamii Bora and her life changed
- 1 year (a year) – how long Jane had to save up
- \$50 – what Jane saved
- \$3.25 (three dollars and twenty five cents) – how much Jane pays for an old ball gown in the secondhand clothing market
- Sweet 16 – when people wear the dresses made by Jane
- > \$4/ day (more than four dollars a day) – how much Jane makes every day now
- ~ 1 hr (about an hour) – distance of the (new) low-cost housing development from Nairobi Central
- ~10% (about ten percent) or ~ \$400 (about four hundred dollars) – Jane's down-payment (= deposit) on her mortgage (= home loan)
- 200 – the first group of families moving into the low-cost housing development
- 2 days/ wk (two days a week) – Jane counselling HIV patients