

One-Person Literacy In-house TV Script, version 2

(Looking at phone, scrolling with finger)

This is frustrating . . . aarrgh! It's like my guidance counselor has taken over my Twitter feed! What is this? National Guilt for Not Reading Well Enough Day? Oh, I see . . . close. World Literacy Day. Of course, literacy would have a special day. Everything else does.

No, I'm not surprised students need advanced literacy skills to succeed in a fast-paced, global economy. But what's this? About 40% of U.S. employers are dissatisfied with high school graduates' ability to read, think and solve problems. And 25% of adults lack the literacy skills needed for a typical job.

Who knew literacy could be so depressing.

Oh, there's more. Low-literate people are twice as likely to be out of work. Americans who are below average in literacy struggle to find jobs and support their families.

And for this, I can't wait to graduate?

Adults with the lowest literacy work only about 18 weeks each year and are 10 times more likely to live in poverty.

Suddenly, I wish I were a better reader. . . . I wonder if it's too late. . . . Oh, it's never too late? This guy just learned to read at 35?! Well, if he can do that, I should, at least, be able to improve my reading skills.

Hmmm . . . I wonder if my guidance counselor has any free time today.

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(Both looking at phones, scrolling with fingers)

Speaker 1: This is frustrating . . . aarrgh! It's like my guidance counselor has taken over my Twitter feed! What is this? National Guilt for Not Reading Well Enough Day.

Speaker 2: Oh, you too, huh? You're close. World Literacy Day.

Speaker 1: Well, of course, literacy has a special day. Everything else does.

Speaker 2: Yeah, really.

Speaker 1: No, I'm not surprised students need advanced literary skills to succeed in a fast-paced, global economy. But what's this? About 40% of U.S. employers are dissatisfied with high school graduates' ability to read, think and solve problems.

Speaker 2: And 25% of adults lack the literacy skills needed for a typical job.

Speaker 1: Who knew literacy could be so depressing.

Speaker 2: I hear you. How about this one? Low-literate people are twice as likely to be out of work.

Speaker 1: And Americans who are below average in literacy struggle to find jobs and support their families.

Speaker 2: And for this, we can't wait to graduate?

Speaker 1: Yeah, right. Adults with the lowest literacy work only about 18 weeks each year and are 10 times more likely to live in poverty.

Speaker 2: Suddenly, I wish I were a better reader. . . . I wonder if it's too late.

Speaker 1: Evidently not. This guy just learned to read at 35?! Well, if he can do that, we should, at least, be able to improve our reading skills.

Speaker 2: Hmm . . . I wonder if our guidance counselor has any free time today.