

An Interview*

Listening to Achievers

- Objective** : To introduce listeners/viewers to the interviews of achievers for inspiration.
- Text** : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUI-a3GZznQ>
An interview of Satya Nadella with David Rubenstein.
- Duration** : About 25 minutes.
- Preparation** : Watch/listen to as many interviews as possible of those who emerged successful in their lives.
- Procedure** : **Setting the context and task:**
Satya Nadella, an Indian born in Hyderabad, is currently the CEO of Microsoft who succeeded Steve Ballmer in 2014. In the interview with David Rubenstein he talks about his family and his association with Microsoft.

While watching the interview for the first time, take down notes of important areas that were covered. Before watching/listening to it for the second time, go through the notes gathered during the first time listening to focus on those areas to gather further details of his life and his accomplishments.

Write down the details of what he said under these headings:

- Advice from Bill and Steve
- Love for cricket and reasons for quitting it
- Family – wife, son and daughters
- Sense of empathy
- Switching jobs
- Challenges in the business
- LinkedIn
- Women’s pay and representation
- His future

Organise the details for the future retrieval.

Initiate a discussion with someone who knows more about Satya Nadella to collect more information.

Write a profile based on the information on Satya Nadella.

Learning outcomes:

1. Learners realize that by listening to people who were successful in their lives, they could get inspired to achieve something despite the odds they might encounter.
2. Learners recognize that behind the facade of comfortable and glamorous lives, there is another facet to the lives; very educative to know how they work around their life issues.

Further practice:

While watching/listening to interviews one should pay attention to both the interviewer and the interviewee as the success of an interview depends more upon the interviewer. It is the kinds of questions that are posed, bring forth the best possible responses. If an interview fails, it cannot be attributed to the interviewee.

***Interview:** Interviewing achievers is a well-established journalistic practice. The interaction between the interviewer and interviewee brings out the significant details about the interviewee.

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