



Kenan Thompson supports college protests, but draws the line at involving his daughter in 'SNL' cold open

Description

The recent episode of "Saturday Night Live" tackled a hot topic as cast members portrayed concerned parents of New York City college students involved in protests. Hosted by Dua Lipa, the episode featured Michael Longfellow playing a talk show host who interviewed parents played by Heidi Gardner, Mikey Day, and Kenan Thompson.

The skit highlighted the worries of parents about their children's activism in protests against Israel's war on Hamas. While some parents expressed concerns, Thompson's character stood out by supporting the protests. He emphasized the importance of young people using their voices to fight for their beliefs.

However, when the talk show host brought up Thompson's daughter, a Columbia student, participating in the protests, Thompson hilariously denied it, insisting that she should be in class instead of protesting. He jokingly mentioned the high tuition fees at Columbia, saying he works hard to pay for it.

The episode humorously portrayed Thompson's character as a hardworking parent with unconventional side hustles like Uber driving, selling Gucci wallets, and life coaching on Instagram. The skit also touched on the recent protests at Columbia University and The City College of New York, where protesters were arrested.

Overall, the episode provided a comedic take on parental concerns about their children's activism while shedding light on real-world protests and the challenges of paying for education. Contributors to the report include CNN's Shimon Prokupcz, Mark Morales, and Celina Tebor.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Activism** // (noun): The policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change.
2. **Protests** // (noun): A statement or action expressing disapproval or objection to something.
3. **Emphasized** // (verb): To give special importance or prominence to something in speaking or writing.
4. **Hilariously** // (adverb): In an extremely funny or amusing manner.
5. **Unconventional** // (adjective): Not based on or conforming to what is generally done or believed.
6. **Challenges** // (noun): A call to engage in a contest or competition.

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What ceremonial event involves the crowning of a monarch?
Option: A. Election
Option: B. Coronation
Option: C. Installation
Option: D. Promotion
2. Which term refers to a handwritten or typed piece of literature or music?
Option: A. Manuscript
Option: B. Transcript
Option: C. Document
Option: D. Script
3. What is a form of expression or declaration of objection disapproval or dissent?
Option: A. Demonstrations
Option: B. Protests
Option: C. Celebrations
Option: D. Parades
4. What term describes a government order that restricts commerce or trade with a specified country or the exchange of specific goods?
Option: A. Sanction
Option: B. Trade
Option: C. Embargo
Option: D. Tariff
5. Which term best describes a job or task that provides a sense of satisfaction and achievement?
Option: A. Boring
Option: B. Stressful
Option: C. Fulfilling
Option: D. Routine
6. What term is used to describe prolonged public dispute or debate often concerning a matter of opinion?
Option: A. Consensus
Option: B. Agreement
Option: C. Controversy
Option: D. Harmony
7. Which term best describes the feeling of looking forward to or expecting something?
Option: A. Dreading
Option: B. Quelling



Option: C. Anticipating

Option: D. Denying

8. What is a term used to describe being clever or skillful especially in a deceitful or crafty way?

Option: A. Honest

Option: B. Cunning

Option: C. Naive

Option: D. Direct

9. What term means to give support to a particular group ideology or set of beliefs?

Option: A. Associate

Option: B. Align

Option: C. Separate

Option: D. Disperse

10. What term refers to events that are often minor but sometimes notable or significant?

Option: A. Incidents

Option: B. Circumstances

Option: C. Accidents

Option: D. Mishaps

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. She _____ planned the project to ensure every detail was perfect.

12. The teacher _____ the importance of studying for the upcoming exam.

13. Please _____ me when it is time to leave for the meeting.

14. His actions did not _____ with his words causing confusion among his followers.

15. It is essential to _____ your tasks to ensure you complete the most important ones first.

16. His constant mistakes led to growing _____ among his colleagues.

17. Working for a cause you believe in can be incredibly _____.

18. The villain in the story had a reputation for being _____ and always staying one step



ahead of the hero.

19. She thrived in environments that presented difficult _____ to overcome.

20. The citizens took to the streets to _____ against the new government policies.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The artist spent hours creating the design for the jewelry.
22. Every year the family gathers to celebrate this long-standing cultural .
23. Her dedication to social and political causes led her to engage in various forms of .
24. The movie serves as a to the popular series providing background information on the main characters.
25. The team was about the upcoming project eager to start working on it.
26. After years of service the CEO decided to from his position.
27. The policy aimed to promote diversity and foster a culture of within the organization.
28. The new manager was chosen as the to the retiring executive.
29. The athlete was from the competition due to a violation of the rules.
30. The comedian told a funny joke that had the audience roaring with laughter.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B. Coronation 2. A. Manuscript 3. B. Protests 4. C. Embargo 5. C. Fulfilling 6. C. Controversy 7. C. Anticipating 8. B. Cunning 9. B. Align 10. A. Incidents

Gap-Fill: 11. meticulously 12. emphasized 13. prompt 14. align 15. prioritize 16. frustrations 17. fulfilling 18. cunning 19. challenges 20. protest

Matching sentence: 1. intricate 2. tradition 3. activism 4. prequel 5. enthusiastic 6. resign 7. inclusion 8. successor 9. disqualified 10. hilariously

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