



## Kenan Thompson supports college protests unless they affect his daughter in 'SNL' cold open

### Description

In the recent episode of "Saturday Night Live," the cast tackled one of the top news stories of the past week by portraying concerned parents of New York City college students involved in protests. Hosted by Dua Lipa, the episode featured Michael Longfellow as a talk show host who welcomed parents played by Heidi Gardner, Mikey Day, and Kenan Thompson.

Longfellow expressed concerns about the worrisome situation on university campuses nationwide and sought comments from his guests. While Gardner and Day's characters voiced worries about their children participating in protests against Israel's conflict with Hamas, Thompson stood in support of the students' efforts.

However, when asked about his own daughter, a Columbia student, getting involved in the protests, Thompson vehemently denied any knowledge of it, insisting she should be in class instead of protesting. Despite supporting student activism, Thompson made it clear that his children should not be involved in such actions.

The episode highlighted the ongoing tensions at Columbia University, where dozens of protesters barricaded themselves inside Hamilton Hall, leading to arrests. A significant number of those arrested were not affiliated with the university or college.

The comical skit on SNL mirrored real-life events, showcasing the complexities of parent-child dynamics amidst social and political activism. The episode served as a satirical commentary on the current state of university protests and the challenges faced by students and their families in navigating these turbulent times.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Tackled** // (verb): Dealt with or addressed a problem or issue.
2. **Portraying** // (verb): Depicting or representing something in a particular way.
3. **Worrisome** // (adjective): Causing concern or worry.
4. **Voiced** // (verb): Expressed or communicated opinions or concerns.
5. **Barricaded** // (verb): Blocked or sealed off a place with barriers.
6. **Satirical** // (adjective): Using humor irony or ridicule to criticize or mock something.

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What word means "displayed prominently or proudly"?

- Option: Eliminated
- Option: Heartfelt
- Option: Showcased
- Option: Superstar

2. Which word describes the quality of being able to recover quickly from difficulties?

- Option: Adversity
- Option: Acolades
- Option: Resilience
- Option: Ambassador

3. What term is used to identify a particular disease or condition through examination?



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- Option: Chemotherapy  
Option: Diagnosis  
Option: Spotlight  
Option: Tackled
4. What is a word that describes intense sorrow or distress caused by a breakup or loss?  
Option: Attention to detail  
Option: Support  
Option: Triumphant  
Option: Heartbreak
5. Which word means a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder?  
Option: Exuding  
Option: Revelation  
Option: Awe  
Option: Adversity
6. What term describes a work or performance that uses irony sarcasm or ridicule to criticize or mock?  
Option: Voiced  
Option: Barricaded  
Option: Satirical  
Option: Worrisome
7. What word refers to a person or animal with whom one spends a lot of time or with whom one travels?  
Option: Eliminated  
Option: Contestants  
Option: Companion  
Option: Rendition
8. Which word means dealing with a problem or task in a determined or efficient way?  
Option: Eliminated  
Option: Acolades  
Option: Rendition  
Option: Tackled
9. What word describes depicting or representing in a particular way or character?  
Option: Superstar  
Option: Portraying  
Option: Adversity  
Option: Eliminated
10. What is the term for giving assistance encouragement or comfort to someone?  
Option: Support



Option: Chemotherapy

Option: Nanny

Option: Spotlight

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

11. \_\_\_\_\_ is a common treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells.
12. Receiving an accurate \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for determining the appropriate medical treatment.
13. The speaker's \_\_\_\_\_ speech brought tears to the eyes of the audience.
14. His success can be attributed to his meticulous \_\_\_\_\_ in every project.
15. After a tough competition she was \_\_\_\_\_ from the singing contest.
16. She \_\_\_\_\_ her concerns about the new policy during the meeting.
17. The team felt \_\_\_\_\_ after winning the championship match.
18. The doctor's \_\_\_\_\_ diagnosis was later proven to be incorrect.
19. She was \_\_\_\_\_ confidence as she walked onto the stage to accept her award.
20. The singer's emotional \_\_\_\_\_ of the classic song moved the audience.

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

21. The TV show features various talented individuals who compete against each other to win the grand prize.
22. The unexpected about the company's financial troubles shocked everyone in the meeting.
23. As a goodwill she represented her country at international events and meetings.
24. The talented actor became a overnight after his blockbuster movie was released.
25. The talented singer received numerous awards and for her outstanding performances.



26. The busy working parents hired a caring to take care of their young children during the day.
27. The successful author found himself in the after his latest book topped the bestseller list.
28. The protesters the entrance to the building in a show of defiance.
29. The underperforming team was from the tournament after losing all their matches.
30. Her friends and family provided unwavering during her difficult times.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Showcased 2. Resilience 3. Diagnosis 4. Heartbreak 5. Awe 6. Satirical 7. Companion 8. Tackled 9. Portraying 10. Support

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Chemotherapy 12. Diagnosis 13. Heartfelt 14. Attention to detail 15. Eliminated 16. Voiced 17. Triumphant 18. Worrisome 19. Exuding 20. Rendition

**Matching sentence:** 1. Contestants 2. Revelation 3. Ambassador 4. Superstar 5. Acolades 6. Nanny 7. Spotlight 8. Barricaded 9. Eliminated 10. Support

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