

You will hear the following sentences in the video that you are about to watch. Before viewing the video, please read these sentences. Then select a synonym from the list provided that has a meaning similar to that of the word in italics. Write the letter of the word on the line provided. Each word can only be used once.

1. They will talk about the positive aspects and benefits of online learning, the *pitfalls* to avoid and the challenges. _____
2. It’s a hard question to answer, *succinctly* anyway. _____
3. This *convergence* is happening for the same reason: convenience. _____
4. The first time I took an online course, because I’ve taken several now, but the first one was mostly just time *constraints*. _____
5. We take it by neighborhood, or *caroque*, and feed all the *malnourished* children in that neighborhood, or *caroque*, and then we go to the next *caroque*. _____
6. While online learning can be beneficial in many ways, online learning is still in its *infancy*. _____
7. The next layer for an online, especially if you haven’t taken an online class before, is now you’re also *navigating* a content management system that you’re trying to learn. _____
8. Then the next thing that’ll tend to happen is the *procrastination* of checking the class. _____
9. But now that I look back into it, I think that the forum is kind of like a good way to talk about things and issues, and I wish I would have been more *proactive* in it. _____
10. *Engagement* in an online class, I think, is a little bit more sophisticated when there is a discussion happening and ideally that’s happening in a lot of online classes because you are forced to write. _____

A. underfed	D. beginning	G. limitations	I. postponement
B. steering	E. concisely	H. difficulties	J. involvement
C. merging	F. active		

You have learned about online classes. Now it's time to think about your own learning style. Answer the following questions as honestly as you can. Then analyze your answers using the guidelines in the shaded area to the right.

1. Do I know how to connect to the Web using a browser?
YES _____ NO _____
2. Can I navigate around the Web and use search engines?
YES _____ NO _____
3. Do I know how to send and receive e-mail?
YES _____ NO _____
4. Can I do basic word processing, including cutting and pasting?
YES _____ NO _____
5. Do I know how to open, save, and manage files?
YES _____ NO _____
6. Do I have access to a computer 5-7 days per week?
YES _____ NO _____
7. Do I have 12-15 hours a week to work on an online class?
YES _____ NO _____
8. Can I motivate myself to log in to the virtual classroom at least five days a week?
YES _____ NO _____
9. Do I have good reading comprehension and written communication skills, and do I enjoy writing?
YES _____ NO _____
10. Do I enjoy figuring things out on my own and am comfortable asking for help when I need it?
YES _____ NO _____

ANALYZING YOUR ANSWERS:

If you answered, "YES" to all of the questions, then online classes could be a good option for you.

If you answered, "NO" to any of the questions, go back to those questions and ask yourself, "Can I do something to change that answer to a YES?" For example, if you do not know how to send and receive email, could you learn how? If you can find a way to change the "NO" answers to "YES", and you are willing to put in the work, then online classes could still be a good option for you.

If you answered, "NO" to any of the questions and would not be able or willing to do what is needed to change the answer to a "YES", then online classes would not be a good option for you.