

TED talks: David R.Dow. Lessons from death row inmates

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Watch the video and think about how the following words and expressions are translated and what they mean:

Single mum

Gang

On the same page

Inmates

Trials

Average

“An all time low”

parole

“to nudge someone off this path” – what does the speaker mean by this expression?

Accurate

“it’s not rocket science”

Mix and match

Watch the video again and answer the questions:

1. Why does the speaker mention his son?
2. Summarise the first 9 years of Will’s life.
3. Why did death row inmates have to use voluntary lawyers?
4. What’s the average number of executions per month in Texas?
5. Summarise the reasons why there are fewer death sentences and more life sentences now?
6. What’s the “all time low” percentage in Texas of people who support the death penalty?
7. Where do 80% of the prisoners who have been sentenced to death come from?
8. How do we normally solve problems?
9. Who said that the way to solve a problem is to make it bigger?
10. What is the way to prevent future murders?
11. What did two university professors establish?
12. What do all the solutions he suggests have in common?
13. Why do these interventions actually save money?
14. Why did the speaker doubt that Will actually remembered the incident with his mother?

## WRITING

What are the advantages and disadvantages of sending young people to prison? Are there any alternative punishments that you think would be better?