



Ed Stone is dead (1-9)

Episode 1: Dead on Arrival

Slang and other expressions used in Episode 1:

During the program, find the answers to these questions:

1. Why was Ed allowed to remain on earth? On what conditions?
2. How did Ed die?
3. What two things could kill Ed?
4. Who is Ed's friend Kate?
5. Describe Ed's friends.

After the program, discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think will happen to Ed?
2. Ed can't taste or feel pain. If you had a choice of being without either a sense of taste or a sense of pain, which would you choose? Why?

Episode 2: Clubbed to Death

Slang and other expressions used in Episode 2:

Before the program:

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends Scotty, Beth, Kate and Adam?
2. Summarise episode one in small groups.

During the program, find the answers to these questions:

1. What is Adam worried about? What aspects of Ed's behaviour make him think this?
2. What does his chat with Nigel inspire him to do?
3. Why does Adam think he's a spy?
4. Explain what happens between Ed and Susanne.
5. Was Ed's Baad idea successful? Why/Why not?

After the program, discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think will happen to Ed?
2. What are your aspirations in life?

Episode 3: Fall Guy

Slang and other expressions used in Episode 3:

Get her kit off

Two-timed

Bonkers

Before the program:

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends Scotty, Beth, Kate and Adam?
2. Summarise episode two in small groups.

During the program, find the answers to these questions:

1. Why does Kate kiss Ed, and why does he look surprised?
2. Kate and Adam exclaim "This is ridiculous!" What is?
3. What reasons are given for Scotty being a serial killer?
4. How is Ed's secret revealed?

After the program, discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think will happen to Ed?
2. Why are secrets so hard to keep?

Episode 4: Dead Poet

1. What four things does Ed do to combat the boredom of being dead?
2. Are these typical interests of a guy his age?
3. What opportunity does Adam see for himself?

Episode 5: Ed Stone is Gay

1. Why does Kate sleep in Ed's bed?
2. What conclusion does Kate jump to when Ed does not try to seduce her?
3. How does Ed react to her presumption?

Afterwards

1. Do you believe in ghosts?
2. Some people think that there is a spirit world that a few specially gifted people can contact. What's your opinion?
3. What/who was, is, and will be important in your life?

	People and things in your life				
Your age	Music	Relationships	Parties	Parents	Friends
16-18					
25-30					
55-60					

5. If you got a second chance, would you live your life differently?
6. Would you accept the opportunity that Ed was given? If you knew the consequences? If you didn't know?
8. What are your biggest needs in life? What makes life worth living for you?
9. What do you think happens when we die?

10. If there was a heaven, and you could choose exactly what it was like and what happens there, what would your heaven be like?

10. Is it Ok to joke about death? Are there issues you shouldn't joke about?

Short sharp shock!

Answer these questions on impulse, don't think too much about what to say, just blurt it out! Start your answer with "I would..."

What if....

You fell in love with Ed?

You got a second chance. Would you live your life differently?

Someone told you they met a ghost?

You almost died?

You lost your ability to taste?

You lost your ability to feel pain?

You were told never to have sex?

You could choose how to die?

You could find out your life expectancy?

You could foresee your future?

Someone told you something about your future?

Your friend said she/he wanted to die?

Sweden decided to install the death penalty?

Writing task

1. What happens in the after-life?
2. My meeting with the grim reaper – a dialogue to be performed in front of the class!
3. Alanis Morissette wrote a song in which she thanked all the things in life that have made her who she is. What would you like to thank in life? Write your own thank-you song!
4. Use any of the discussion questions above as the title to your essay.
5. Write your own obituary. First, find a real obituary in an English-speaking newspaper to see how it should be done.
6. Write Ed's diary from the day he woke up in the morgue.

Project ideas

1. Study slang words and expressions found in the program. Make a small slang dictionary.

Related links: www.london slang.com, www.cockneyrhymingslang.co.uk

2. Halloween – find out the history behind the tradition. Link: wilstar.com/holidays/hallowen.htm

3. Study the dialects and accents in the show. Learn some of the characteristics of the dialects you hear. Teach your classmates about your new knowledge.

Link: <http://www.funny.co.uk/keywords/british-dialects-listen-to.html>

4. The story of Ed Stone takes place in London. Pretend that you are going there as a tourist/ an au pair / a student for a month. Find the appropriate information needed to get your journey started and present your itinerary to the class. Related links: www.visitlondon.com, www.thisislondon.com

5. Copy and cut out the cards. Place them on a table with the text down. Each student takes a card, shows the group what is says and talks about the subject for a minute without stopping or hesitating. When the minute is up, the others in the group are allowed to state their opinions on the matter.

Death	Friendship	Ghosts	Sex
Parties	Halloween	Funerals	Fate
Love	Growing old	Looks	Joys of life

Debate

For or against? Form two groups. Each side writes down at least 5 arguments for or against the subject to be debated. Select a chairperson in each group who makes sure everyone gets a chance to speak! Issues to debate:

The death penalty

Related links: <http://www.prodeathpenalty.com>, <http://deathpenaltyinfo.msu.edu/>

Euthanasia

Related links: <http://www.euthanasia.com/>, <http://www.nrlc.org/euthanasia/>

Episode 5: Ed Stone is gay

Slang words are included in the wordlist situated under the manuscript

Before the programme answer the following questions.

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends, Scotty, Kate and Adam?
2. Can you remember what happened in Episode 4?
3. What do you think will happen in this episode?

During the programme, find the answers to these questions:

1. What does Beth do to try to help Kate get together with Dr. Tom?
2. What does being stalked mean?
3. Who does Kate end up sleeping with?
4. Why does Kate end up in Ed's bed?
5. What surprising new does Ed tell Adam?
6. What does Kate tell Adam about last night?
7. What does Kate think that Adam has told her?
8. What reasons does Kate give for believing that Ed is gay?
9. What is Beth's Dad's name?
10. What big news does Scotty have?

When the programme is finished discuss your answers.

Episode 6: To Die – T for

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Before the programme answer the following questions.

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends, Scotty, Kate and Adam?
2. Can you remember what happened in Episode 5?
3. What do you think will happen in this episode?

During the programme, find the answers to these questions:

1. What food trend is Beth attempting to follow?
2. What does Ed say to Kate about "the kiss"?
3. What reasons does Ed give Kate for not kissing any more?
4. What reason does Nigel give ED for feeling the way he does?
5. What happens to Scotty and why?
6. Why does Beth react the way she does?
7. What does Dr. Tom say about Scotty?
8. What does Ed find out from Nigel?
9. Why does he behave the way he does?
10. Why does Kate get mad at Ed?

When the programme is finished discuss your answers.

Episode 7: Out for dinner

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Before the programme answer the following questions.

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends, Scotty, Kate and Adam?

2. Can you remember what happened in Episode 6?
3. What do you think will happen in this episode?

During the programme, find the answers to these questions:

1. What is Beth thinking of doing for her "new" boyfriend Simon?
2. What does Beth want the others to fake when Simon comes over?
3. Why are there bad feelings between Kate and Ed?
4. What trouble is Scotty having?
5. What does Beth think she knows that Adam doesn't know?
6. What is Nigel sad about?
7. What does Nigel do to make himself feel better? What do the others think about this?
8. Who is Scotty's date?
9. What happens between Beth and Nigel?

When the programme is finished discuss your answers.

Episode 8: The Incredible Ed-man

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Before the programme answer the following questions.

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends, Scotty, Kate and Adam?
2. Can you remember what happened in Episode 7?
3. What do you think will happen in this episode?

During the programme, find the answers to these questions:

1. What is Ed sad about?
2. How does Ed know Diane?
3. What kind of job does Ed want to have?
4. What does Nigel think about it?
5. What kind of job did Adam get?
6. What happens between Ed and the mugger?
7. What happens when Ed occupies the lifeguard?
8. What does Beth want from Adam?
9. What happens when Diane drops by?
10. What is Kate's reaction to seeing Diane with Ed?

When the programme is finished discuss your answers.

Episode 9: Doctor Love

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Before the programme answer the following questions.

1. What do you remember about Ed and his friends, Scotty, Kate and Adam?
2. Can you remember what happened in Episode 8?
3. What do you think will happen in this episode?

During the programme, find the answers to these questions:

1. What is Scotty working on?

2. What is Kate planning to do?
3. What is speed dating?
4. Who else is at Kate's speed dating? What are they doing there?
5. What kind of guys does she meet?
6. Does she like any of them? Why or why not?
7. What does Kate want out of a relationship?
8. Who does Kate decide to date to make Ed jealous?
10. How does Ed react to Kate dating Tom?
11. What does Tom do for Kate? What does Ed think about it?

When the programme is finished discuss your answers.