

Hello everyone!

During today's conversation class we will again practice **"listening skills."** We will watch and listen to a new short YouTube video selected by Sue. (Many thanks Sue!)



*Let's Practice!*

Activities:

Large group: - View the YouTube video

Small group: - Discuss what you heard using the questions provided, and any of the "Five W's Questions"

Large Group: Review any new vocabulary, questions and comments



Elizabeth Holmes: Founder of blood-testing startup Theranos guilty of fraud

## Breakout Room Questions:

1. Who is Elizabeth Holmes? What facts about her do you remember?
2. What service or product did Theranos provide?
3. Can you summarize the key points in this story?
4. Three people who work in the tech industry are interviewed for their opinion of the case against Ms. Holmes. What did they think?
5. How would you evaluate this story in terms of balanced reporting?  
Is it biased for, or against Ms. Holmes. Or is it neutral?
6. Do *you* have an opinion of Ms. Holmes guilt or innocence?

# Do you know what these phrases mean?

"I don't think it was a con from the start."

"The mantra of "fake it until you make it."

"In the end, you have to deliver on the hype."

"They're selling a vision."

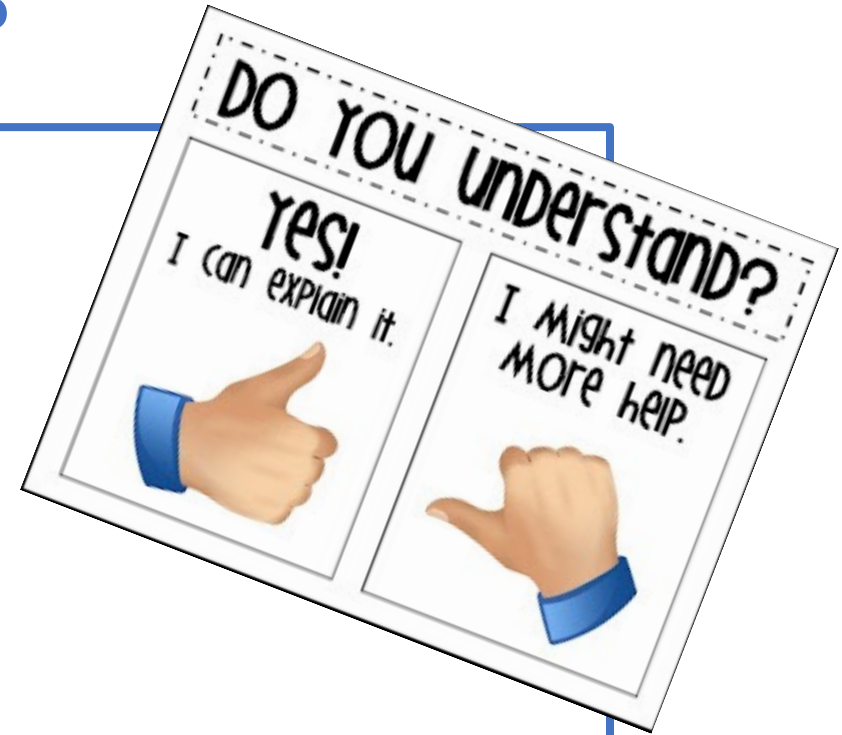
"At some point you have to pivot."

"Needed to do their due diligence."

"Managed to get funding without ever taking the lid off their technology."

"That won't fly anymore, even in Silicon Valley."

"In Silicon Valley money is just laying on the ground."



## The “Five W’s (and How) Questions

- can help us focus on understanding the conversation.

**WHO** – who are the main people in the video? What are their jobs?

**WHAT** – what is the topic of discussion?

**WHEN** – when did this happen? (recently, last year, today, etc.)

**WHERE** – where is this video taking place? Where do the people live?

**WHY** – are they talking about this topic?

**HOW** – How do you feel about what you heard the people say about the topic?

