

**1. EXT. OUTSIDE - DAY**

Talking head interview. INTERVIEWEE 1 is wearing a Harvard sweatshirt and looks very intelligent.

INTERVIEWER

Wow, you're going to Harvard!  
That's so cool.

INTERVIEWEE 1

Yeah, it was my backup school.  
I ended up having to decide between  
the Ivies.

Interviewee looks annoyed.

INTERVIEWER

That's it? No public schools? UCs?

Interviewee pauses. Looks off into the distance sadly.

INTERVIEWER

Are you okay? Should I repeat the  
question?

INTERVIEWEE 1 (forlornly)

I uh...

Beat.

Interviewee murmurs unintelligibly.

INTERVIEWER

Sorry, could you repeat that?

Interviewee is contemplating.

INTERVIEWEE 1

I DIDN'T GET INTO ANY UCS OK!!!

**2. INT. ROOM - DAY**

Interviewee sits at a desk, working.

INTERVIEWEE 2

During the college admissions process I picked up some new hobbies. All the ones I had before were for the purpose of getting into college so now that that's done I dropped them all.

INTERVIEWER

Could you give me some examples of the hobbies you picked up?

INTERVIEWEE 2

Sure! The main one is checking my email. Checking the mail is also super fun. I get so much joy out of refreshing my inbox over and over again. I love the rush of adrenaline when a new email pops up.

Interviewee looks pleased, recalling happy memories of checking their email.

INTERVIEWEE 2

I also started collecting some things.

INTERVIEWER

Oh, that's fun! What do you collect?

INTERVIEWEE 2

Mostly letters, postcards. Of the college and university variety.

B-roll of a towering stack of college mail.

INTERVIEWEE 2

I read all of them very thoroughly! I love receiving mail from colleges I've never heard of and have no interest in.

Beat.

INTERVIEWEE 2

They sent me SO much mail, it made me

feel popular and really good about myself. I ended up applying to some of them just because they seemed to want me so desperately.

Beat. Interviewee looks upset.

INTERVIEWEE 2

They led me on like they liked me and really wanted to be with me, but then...

Beat.

INTERVIEWEE 2 (cont.)

I was rejected. Tossed aside like the letters they sent me meant nothing.

### 3. EXT. OUTSIDE - DAY

INTERVIEWER

I'd like to talk a bit about college essays. Can you walk me through what you wrote?

INTERVIEWEE 3

Sure! I wrote about my experience winning a Nobel Peace Prize as well as my experience caring for my 10 younger siblings and raising 1 million dollars for charity. I blended my topics together with use of complex metaphors and the overarching theme of overcoming adversity and fulfilling my true potential.

### 4. EXT. INSIDE - ROOM

INTERVIEWEE 4

Yeah, I wrote about rocks.

INTERVIEWER

Fascinating! Are you interested in geology? Are the rocks a metaphor for something?

INTERVIEWEE 4

No. I just like rocks. I wrote about my pet rock, Steve.

B-roll of the rock essay. Example sentence "I like rocks. I think I am like a rock because I am also cool and shiny. Rocks ROCK!"

INTERVIEWER

Do you think your essay was successful?

INTERVIEWEE 4

I think so. I got into like all the colleges. So yeah, I guess. It rocked.

**5. EXT. OUTSIDE - DAY**

INTERVIEWER

Hello and welcome to the first trial of the new version of the SAT. You will be participating in a variety of

Interviewer pauses to word their statement properly.

"tests" to uh, enable us to assess your knowledge.

INTERVIEWEE

Interviewee hesitantly raises their hand to ask a question

Wh- why are we outside? I thought this was an academic test?

INTERVIEWER

Interviewer looks stunned at the question/accusation

It is, let's just begin.

Pans to a tacky obstacle course.

INTERVIEWEE

This doesn't look very academic. It looks like an obstacle course.

INTERVIEWER

It's not, it's a Super Awesome (T)obstacle course

Pan to horrified student.

Student completes the obstacle course tripping and crying.

~~6. EXT. INT - DAY~~

~~Two ADMISSION OFFICERS are looking over applications at a desk.~~

~~ADMISSION OFFICER 1~~

~~So this applicant...has the perfect GPA, many extra curricular activities, and these essays have...so much depth to them.~~

~~ADMISSION OFFICER 2~~

~~I agree and she seems like she'd be a fantastic candidate for our abroad programs...how many languages did she say she spoke?~~

~~Admission officer 1 grabs one of the papers and scans it for answers.~~

~~ADMISSION OFFICER 1~~

~~Twelve.~~

~~Admission officer 2 shrugs and nods his head approvingly.~~

~~ADMISSION OFFICER 2~~

~~Pretty good. Well, we only have space for one more from that area. Is she the last one?~~