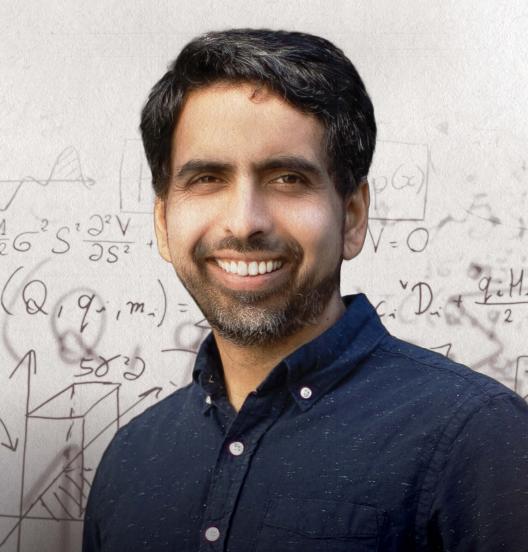
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## SAL KHAN education innovator



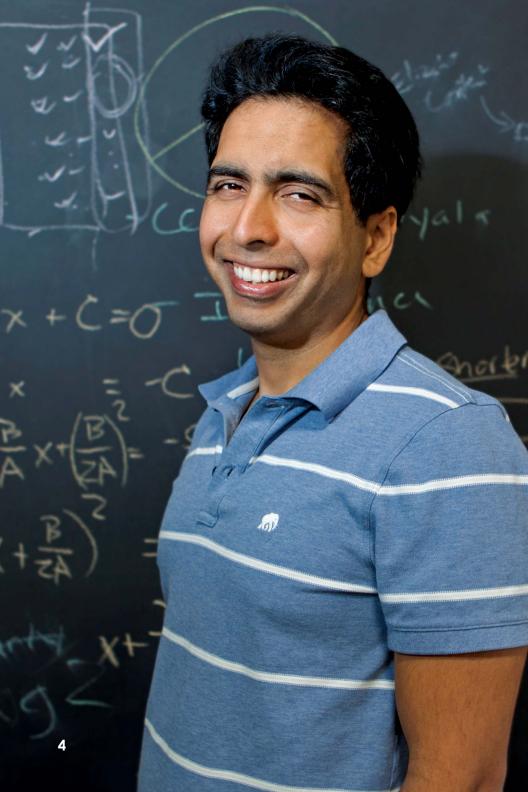






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## CHAPTER 1

#### Who Is Sal Khan?

Salman "Sal" Khan is on a mission. He wants to "provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere."

It's a big goal. But the idea started small. At first, Khan just wanted to tutor his young cousin. She was struggling with math. But Khan lived in a different state. To solve that problem, he started making videos. He posted these on YouTube for her. Soon, Khan's cousin was doing better in math. Then something unexpected happened. Strangers began watching Khan's videos too. Many sent messages to thank him. Some even sent **donations**.

In 2008, Khan founded an online school. He called it Khan Academy. The school is not for profit. Khan wanted the lessons to be free for everyone. His ideas about teaching are different from most schools. Learners should go at their own pace, he believes. Students should stick with something until they get it. Practice is important.

These ideas helped Khan create his lessons and software. Today, millions of people around the world use them. They come from every age group.

Some classrooms also use Khan Academy. There are lessons on almost any subject. The academy even has an app for young learners. It's for kids ages two through eight.

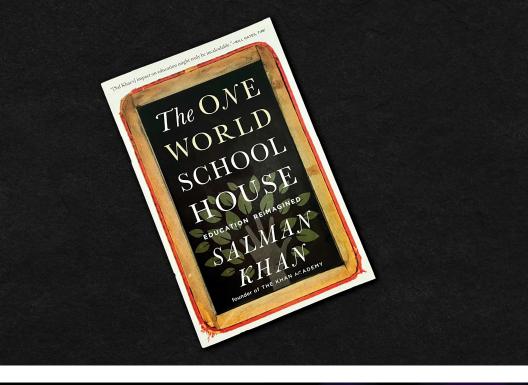


# 37,000,000 registered students

5,600,0 problems answer

Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy, gave the keynote speech during the 2016 XIN Philanthropy Conference in Hangzhou, China.





Khan spoke onstage during the LA Promise Fund's Hello Future summit on October 23, 2019, in Los Angeles, California.

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Khan's way of teaching online is popular. There's **evidence** that it works too. A 2018 report looked at a group of students. They used the math lessons for at least 30 minutes per week. These students scored 22 points higher on state math tests. That was compared to students who didn't use the lessons.

The online school continues to grow. Khan wrote a book in 2012. It's called *The One World Schoolhouse*. In it, he explains his **vision** for education. His academy is "a place where all are welcome."

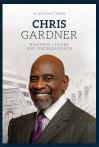
New ways of thinking helped Khan turn a challenge into a success. Now he wants to **empower** others through education.





















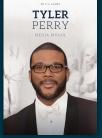
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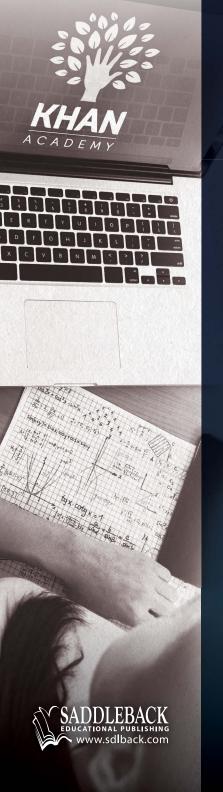




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### **Sal** Khan

When his cousin struggled in school, Salman "Sal" Khan decided to help. Since they couldn't get together, Khan tutored her by computer. Soon he posted lessons online for others too. Seeing the need for online learning, he started Khan Academy. Through the academy, Khan continues his quest to provide a world-class education to anyone who wants one.

