

YouTube as a Classroom

THE QUICK VERSION

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- 4 Use pause, rewind, speed, and captions to follow along.
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, scams and junk

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WELCOME

1. Read this first — a free teacher for almost anything

YouTube is free and can teach you nearly any practical skill — the trick is steering around the junk.

Here is the whole idea in a sentence: YouTube is a free website, full of videos, where someone has very likely filmed exactly how to do the thing you are trying to do — fix a running toilet, knit a sock, understand a bit of history, cook a dish, use a new phone. Used well, it is the most patient teacher you will ever have, and it costs nothing.

The catch is not the price; it is the clutter. Alongside the genuinely helpful videos sit clickbait, scare stories, scams, and endless temptations to keep scrolling. This guide is really about one skill: getting the good teaching out of YouTube while calmly stepping around the junk.

I am Bill, from Bill's Home Tech here in Portage County, Ohio. I use YouTube myself to look up repairs and settings all the time, and I teach a lot of folks to do the same. Once you know how to search well and judge what you are watching, it becomes a trusted helper rather than a noisy distraction.

TIP

Treat YouTube as a tool you go to with a question, not a channel you sit in front of. Searching for what you need, watching it, and leaving is how you get the good without the junk.

THE SHORT VERSION

2. The short version

Search for exactly what you need, judge the video, and leave when done.

If you would like the whole approach before we slow down, here it is.

- 1 Open the free YouTube app or go to youtube.com — no account needed just to watch.
- 2 Search for exactly what you want: 'replace Moen faucet cartridge,' not just 'faucet.'
- 3 Pick a video from a channel that looks steady and clear, not the loudest thumbnail.
- 4 Watch the part you need; use the pause and the little speed and caption controls.
- 5 When you have your answer, close it — do not let the suggestions pull you along.

GOOD TO KNOW

You do not need a Google account to watch YouTube. Signing in lets you save videos and get tidier suggestions, but you can learn plenty without ever signing in.

WHAT IT IS

3. What YouTube really is — for learning

A vast, free library of how-to, taught by ordinary people.

YouTube is a website owned by Google where anyone can post videos, and billions have. Buried in that enormous pile is an extraordinary teaching resource: tradespeople showing repairs, cooks sharing recipes, hobbyists teaching crafts, historians telling stories, and patient folks walking through every gadget and setting there is. If you can describe what you want to learn, there is almost certainly a video on it.

Because anyone can post, quality ranges from superb to useless, and nobody has checked it for accuracy. That is the thing to keep in mind throughout: YouTube is a library where the books are not sorted and not vetted, so a little judgment on your part does all the work.

WHY IT MATTERS

4. Why it is worth learning to use well

Confidence, saved money, and a patient teacher on call.

Learning to use YouTube well pays off in three plain ways. It gives you confidence to try small repairs and tasks yourself, because you can watch someone do it first. It saves money, since many a service call is really just a five-minute fix someone has filmed. And it is endlessly patient — you can pause, rewind, and rewatch as many times as you need, which no human teacher will do at two in the morning.

The reason some people sour on YouTube is not the teaching; it is the junk and the time it steals. Get a handle on that, and what is left is one of the most useful free tools in the house.

GOOD TO KNOW

Before you call anyone for a small household or gadget problem, spend five minutes searching YouTube for it. A surprising number of 'I need a repairman' problems turn out to be a quick fix someone has already filmed.

SEARCHING WELL

5. The real skill: searching well

Specific words bring the good videos to the top.

Almost everything good about YouTube starts with a good search. The more specific you are, the better the results. Instead of 'printer not working,' try 'HP OfficeJet won't print black ink fix.' Instead of 'phone slow,' try 'iPhone free up storage.' Include the brand, the model, and exactly what you want to happen.

If the first results are not quite right, change your words rather than scrolling forever. Adding 'how to,' the year, or the model number often sharpens things. Think of it as telling a very literal helper precisely what you need; the clearer you are, the better it finds.

GOOD TO KNOW

Put the exact brand and model in your search. 'Samsung WF45 washer drain filter' finds the right video far faster than 'washer won't drain.'

JUDGING A VIDEO

6. Judging whether a video is any good

A few quick signs separate the helpful from the hollow.

Since nobody vets these videos, you become the judge — and it is easier than it sounds. Favor channels that are calm and clear over ones with shouting titles and shocked faces in the picture. A good teaching video usually gets to the point, shows the actual steps, and does not spend five minutes begging you to subscribe. Check that the video is reasonably recent if the subject changes over time, like phone settings.

Watching a minute or two tells you a lot. If the person is clear, organized, and actually showing you the thing, stay. If it is all talk, drama, or padding, back out and pick another — there are always more. You are allowed to be choosy.

WATCH OUT

Loud titles in capital letters, shocked faces, and 'you won't BELIEVE' thumbnails are signs of clickbait, not teaching. The calm, plain videos are usually the better teachers.

AVOIDING CLICKBAIT

7. Stepping around clickbait and rage-bait

The loudest videos are rarely the most useful.

YouTube makes money when you keep watching, so it is built to tempt you with dramatic titles and pictures — outrage, fear, amazement. This 'clickbait' and 'rage-bait' is not aimed at teaching you anything; it is aimed at your attention. The cure is simple: notice when a title is trying to yank an emotion out of you, and skip it in favor of the calm, specific one.

The same goes for the river of suggested videos down the side and after each one. They are chosen to keep you watching, not to answer your question. Enjoy them deliberately if you wish, but know that is a choice, not an accident.

SPOTTING MISINFORMATION

8. Spotting bad or false information

Not everything confident is correct.

Because anyone can post, some videos are simply wrong — out of date, mistaken, or deliberately misleading, especially on health, money, and news. A confident voice is not proof of a correct one. For anything that matters — a health question, a financial decision, a news claim — treat a single video as one opinion, not the final word, and check it against a trusted source or a professional.

For practical how-to, the risk is lower, but still sanity-check against the way the task feels. If a video tells you to do something that seems unsafe or would damage something, stop and get a second opinion. Your own good judgment is the best filter there is.

WATCH OUT

Be especially careful with health, money, and news videos. Anyone can post anything confidently; for decisions that matter, confirm with a trusted source or a professional before acting.

SCAM ADS

9. Scam ads and fake 'tech support'

What to ignore, and what never to do.

YouTube shows advertisements, and among the honest ones hide scams — miracle cures, get-rich schemes, and especially fake 'tech support' pop-ups or numbers claiming your computer is infected. Real companies do not warn you about a virus through a YouTube ad or a pop-up with a phone number. Never call a number from one of these, and never let anyone who contacts you that way take control of your computer.

If an ad or a video pushes you to download something, call a number, or hand over card details or passwords, that is your signal to stop. Close the page. When in doubt about whether something is a scam, it costs nothing to ask a trusted person — or me — before you act.

WATCH OUT

No real company tells you your computer is infected through a YouTube ad or pop-up. Never call those numbers or let such a 'technician' onto your computer — that is exactly how the scam works.

USING CONTROLS

10. Using the handy controls

Pause, rewind, slow down, and read along.

A few simple controls turn YouTube into a far better teacher. You can pause at any moment to go and try the step, then come back. You can drag the little bar backward to rewatch a part you missed. You can slow a fast talker down or speed a slow one up using the settings gear. And you can switch on captions — the words at the bottom of the screen — which help enormously if the sound is poor or your hearing has changed.

These controls are the same on the phone, tablet, computer, and TV. Learning just these — pause, rewind, speed, captions — makes every video easier to follow and is well worth a few minutes to get comfortable with.

PLAYLISTS

11. Playlists and saving what helps

Keep the good videos so you can find them again.

When you find a video that genuinely helps — how your particular thermostat works, say — it is worth keeping so you are not hunting for it again. If you are signed in to a free Google account, you can save a video to 'Watch Later' or make a 'playlist,' which is just a named list of videos, like a folder. Some teachers also group their own lessons into playlists you can follow in order.

Even without an account, you can jot the channel name or video title on your paper list at home. The goal is simply that the next time you need it, you can get back to the good one quickly.

ON THE TV

12. Watching on the big television

Great for longer lessons and for following along.

For longer how-to videos, documentaries, or anything you want to watch from your chair, the YouTube app on a smart TV or streaming box is lovely. Open it, search just as you would on the phone, and watch on the big screen. Signing in links it to your account so your saved videos appear, but you can watch without signing in too.

For hands-on repairs, though, the phone or tablet often wins, because you can carry it to the sink or the workbench and prop it up where you are working. Use whichever screen suits the task.

TRUSTED CHANNELS

13. What a trustworthy channel looks like

A few quiet signs of a teacher worth your time.

Since you are your own librarian on YouTube, it helps to know the marks of a channel worth trusting. A good teaching channel tends to be consistent — the same person, steadily posting clear videos on their real area of knowledge — rather than a grab-bag chasing whatever is popular. The person usually shows their actual hands doing the actual work, explains the why as well as the how, and is honest about the limits of what they are showing, including when a job really needs a professional.

Official channels — a manufacturer's own, a museum's own, a public broadcaster's, a well-known expert's — are safer bets for accuracy than anonymous accounts, especially on anything where being wrong could cost or hurt you. You can often tell a lot in the first minute: a calm, organized, straightforward opening is a good sign; frantic music, wild claims, and a long plea to subscribe before any content are not.

Over time you will build an instinct for it, and a short list of channels you genuinely trust. That instinct — knowing whose word to lean on and whose to doubt — is one of the most useful things you can develop online, and it serves you far beyond YouTube.

GOOD TO KNOW

The best teaching channels are steady and specific: one knowledgeable person, posting clear videos in their real field, honest about when a job needs a pro. Those are the ones worth keeping.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

14. Keeping grandchildren safe on it

A separate app and a few settings help.

If grandchildren use YouTube at your house, a word on safety. There is a separate 'YouTube Kids' app designed for children, with simpler content and more controls, which is a safer starting point than the regular app. In the regular app, a setting called 'Restricted Mode' filters out a lot of grown-up material.

Even with those, it is wise to keep an eye on what little ones watch, because the suggestions can drift. Sitting nearby, and choosing videos together rather than letting it autoplay on its own, keeps the experience gentle and in your hands.

THE RABBIT HOLE

15. Not getting lost down the rabbit hole

A simple habit keeps YouTube a tool, not a trap.

The one real danger of YouTube is time. It is built to keep you watching, one suggested video leading to the next, until an hour has gone. There is nothing wrong with a deliberate hour of enjoyment, but it is worth noticing when the site is leading you rather than the other way round.

A simple habit helps: go in with a question, get your answer, and close it. If you want to browse for pleasure, decide that on purpose and perhaps set a gentle timer. Treating YouTube as a tool you pick up and put down keeps it a help rather than a habit that nibbles your days.

WATCH OUT

Say out loud what you came for — 'I want to fix the faucet' — then close YouTube once you have it. Naming your purpose is the easiest way to avoid the endless scroll.

HOME REPAIRS

16. Learning home repairs and fixes

A filmed helper for the jobs you would rather not pay for.

Home repairs are where YouTube earns its keep for most people. A running toilet, a dishwasher that will not drain, a squeaky door, a faucet that drips, a garbage disposal that hums — for nearly every common household annoyance, a tradesperson or a handy soul has filmed exactly how to diagnose and fix it. Watching someone do the job first takes the fear out of trying it yourself, and it can turn a costly service call into a ten-minute job with a screwdriver.

The trick, as always, is to search with your exact brand and model, because a repair on one dishwasher may differ from another. Watch the whole video once before you touch anything, gather your tools, then play it again and follow along, pausing at each step. If at any point the job looks beyond you, there is no shame in stopping and calling a professional — and for anything involving gas, major electrical work, or water lines you cannot shut off, you should.

Used sensibly, YouTube turns you into a more confident and capable homeowner, saving real money on the small stuff while helping you know when a job truly needs a pro. That judgment — what you can safely try and what you cannot — is itself worth developing.

WATCH OUT

Watch the whole repair video before you start, and know your limits. For anything involving gas, serious electrical work, or water you cannot shut off, stop and call a licensed professional.

COOKING

17. Cooking and recipes

Watch a dish made before you make it.

Cooking is a natural fit for video, because seeing a technique is worth a thousand written words. Whether you want to master a family recipe, learn to debone a chicken, get a pie crust right, or simply find something new for supper, you can watch a cook do it start to finish and copy along. For techniques that always baffled you in a cookbook — folding, kneading, searing — seeing them done makes them suddenly clear.

Search for the specific dish or technique, and favor cooks who show the whole process clearly rather than racing through it. You can prop a tablet on the counter and pause between steps as you work, treating the cook as a patient teacher standing beside you. Many people rediscover the joy of cooking this way, picking up tricks that no written recipe ever managed to convey.

It is a lovely thing to do with a grandchild, too — choosing a recipe video together and making it as a team. The kitchen becomes a classroom, and supper is the happy result.

HOBBIES

18. Hobbies and crafts

A patient instructor for whatever you love to make.

Whatever hobby you keep or have always meant to take up, YouTube has instructors waiting. Knitting and crochet, woodworking, painting and drawing, gardening, quilting, model-building, playing an instrument, calligraphy — for all of them, people who love the craft have filmed clear lessons, often starting from the very beginning. You can learn a new stitch, a new joint, or a new chord at your own pace, rewatching the tricky part as often as you need.

Because a hobby is something you return to over time, this is a case where following a channel pays off. Find one or two instructors whose style suits you, whose pace is comfortable and whose manner you enjoy, and work through their lessons in order. Many make 'beginner' series designed to be followed step by step, which is far better than hopping between random videos.

A hobby learned this way costs nothing but your time, and it brings the double pleasure of making something and of steadily getting better at it. For many retirees, a craft picked up from a patient YouTube teacher becomes a real joy of their days.

YOUR GADGETS

19. Help with your own gadgets and settings

The manual you lost, brought to life.

When a new phone, television, camera, or appliance baffles you, YouTube is often quicker and clearer than the manual you cannot find. Someone has very likely filmed a walkthrough of your exact device — how to set it up, change a setting, fix a common snag, or use a feature you did not know was there. Seeing the actual screens and buttons, rather than reading about them, makes everything easier to follow.

Search the precise make and model along with what you want to do — 'Samsung TV how to add an app,' 'iPhone make text bigger.' Because settings do change with updates, glance at how recent the video is if the steps do not quite match your screen; a newer walkthrough may line up better. This is one of the fastest ways to grow comfortable with a gadget that at first seems overwhelming.

It is also a gentle way to help a friend or spouse at a distance: find a clear walkthrough and watch it together over the phone. Many of the little 'how do I...' questions that used to mean a wait for help can now be answered in a few minutes.

DOCUMENTARIES

20. Documentaries, history and nature

Longer, richer watching for a quiet evening.

Beyond quick how-to clips, YouTube holds a great deal of longer, richer viewing: documentaries, history series, nature films, museum tours, and thoughtful explainers on science and the world. Many museums, universities, and public broadcasters post full programs free on their official channels, so an evening's worth of genuinely good television is there for the choosing, at no cost.

These longer pieces are a pleasure on the big television through the YouTube app, where you can settle in as you would for any program. Stick to official channels — a museum's

own, a broadcaster's own, a reputable history or science channel — for accuracy and quality, and be a little wary of dramatic 'documentaries' from unknown posters, which can play fast and loose with the facts.

Build a playlist of the good long ones you come across, so you always have something worthwhile queued up for a quiet night. It is a fine, free alternative to flipping through channels hoping something decent is on.

FOLLOWING CHANNELS

21. Following a channel you trust

Find good teachers and keep them.

On YouTube, a 'channel' is simply everything posted by one person or group — one cook, one woodworker, one history buff. When you find someone whose teaching you trust and enjoy, you can 'subscribe' to their channel (free, and only needs an account), which gathers their new videos in one place so you are not forever searching. It is the difference between wandering a huge library and having a few favorite authors whose shelf you know.

Favor channels that are clear, honest, and steady over ones that chase drama or constantly beg you to subscribe. A good channel feels like a trusted teacher; over time you learn their style and can rely on them. Subscribing is not a commitment or a cost — it simply tidies your experience, putting the people you value at your fingertips and leaving the noise behind.

Keeping a small circle of trusted channels is one of the best ways to tame YouTube. Instead of an overwhelming ocean, you have a handful of reliable teachers you are always glad to see.

COMMENTS

22. Reading the comments — with a grain of salt

Sometimes helpful, often not — know the difference.

Below each video sits a section of comments from viewers, and they can be a mixed blessing. At their best — especially under repair and how-to videos — the comments hold genuine gold: someone noting a step the video missed, a fix for a snag others hit, or a warning about a part that varies by model. It is often worth a quick scroll for these practical tips.

At their worst, comments are argumentative, rude, or simply wrong, and they can sour a pleasant video if you let them. The sensible habit is to skim for the practical, helpful remarks and ignore the squabbles and the nonsense. Never take a stranger's comment as fact on anything that matters, and never act on a comment telling you to download something or call a number — that is a common trick.

Treat the comments as you would a crowd of strangers chatting: occasionally one says something genuinely useful, and the rest you can let wash over you. Take the good, leave the rest, and do not let the grumpy ones spoil your evening.

SAVING

23. Saving and organizing what helps

Keep the good videos so you can find them again.

When a video genuinely helps — the walkthrough for your particular furnace, the knitting lesson you want to repeat — it is worth keeping so you are not hunting for it next time. Signed in to a free account, you can save a video to 'Watch Later' or gather videos into named 'playlists,' which work just like folders: one for recipes, one for home repairs, one for a hobby. It turns a one-time find into a little personal reference library.

Even without an account, you can jot the channel name and video title on the paper list you keep at home, so you can search your way back. The aim is simply that the good videos do not vanish into the vast pile the moment you close them. A few minutes spent saving the keepers pays off every time you need one again.

TIP

Make a playlist or two — 'my recipes,' 'my home fixes' — and drop the genuinely useful videos into them. It turns YouTube from an ocean you search each time into your own tidy shelf of trusted help.

ADS

24. Ads, and the paid option you do not need

Living with the ads, and why Premium is optional.

YouTube is free because it shows advertisements — a short one before many videos, and sometimes a break in longer ones. Most can be skipped after a few seconds, and they are simply the price of a free service. There is a paid subscription called YouTube Premium that removes ads and allows downloads, but you never need it; everything you want to learn is there free, ads and all.

The ads themselves deserve the same wariness we discussed earlier: ignore the dramatic ones, and never, ever act on an ad that claims your device has a problem or urges you to call a number or download something. Those are scams dressed as ads. Treat an ad as a brief interruption to wait out, not as information to act on, and you will be fine.

If the ads genuinely bother you and you use YouTube a great deal, Premium is there — but it is a convenience, never a necessity. Most people are perfectly happy skipping the ads and keeping their money.

OTHER FREE LEARNING

25. How it fits with other free learning

One tool among several, each with its strengths.

YouTube is wonderfully broad, but it is worth seeing where it fits among the other free ways to learn. For a quick, specific how-to, nothing beats it. For a structured course that builds step by step, Khan Academy or the free university classes on Coursera and edX go deeper and in better order. For a polished lecture series, The Great Courses — often free through your library — are more reliable than a random video. And for a short dose of inspiration, a TED Talk is tidier than wading through YouTube's clutter.

The happy truth is you do not have to choose. Many learners keep YouTube for the quick fixes and hobby lessons, a structured course going for a subject they want to master

properly, and a library audiobook in the car. Each tool has its place, and together they make a rich, free education for anyone curious enough to use them. We have separate guides on each if you would like to build your own little curriculum.

Think of YouTube as the handy, ever-present helper — brilliant for 'show me how this instant,' and best paired with something more structured when you want to learn a subject deeply and in order.

TWO WAYS PEOPLE COME TO THIS -- AND BOTH ARE FINE

26. Two ways people come to this — and both are fine

Fixing something today, or learning a hobby over time.

Folks come to YouTube learning from two directions, and both are perfectly good.

If you need to fix or figure out one thing

Something is broken or baffling and you want the answer now.

- Search the exact brand, model, and problem.
- Pick a calm, clear video and watch just the part you need.
- Pause to follow along, then close it when the job is done.

If you want to learn a hobby or subject over time

You would like to take up watercolors, gardening, woodworking, or dive into history.

- Find one or two steady channels you trust and follow them.
- Use playlists to go through lessons in a sensible order.
- Save the good ones so you can return and practice.

GOOD TO KNOW

Either way, the skill is the same: search clearly, judge calmly, and leave when you are done. Master that and YouTube becomes a trusted teacher.

GOOD HABITS

27. A few good habits to carry

Small habits that keep the good and skip the junk.

Let me gather the habits that make YouTube a pleasure rather than a pest. Search specifically. Favor calm, clear channels over loud ones. Check the date on anything that changes over time. Treat health, money, and news videos as opinions to confirm, not gospel. Never call a number or download anything an ad tells you to. And go in with a purpose, then leave.

None of these is hard, and together they turn an overwhelming website into a well-behaved teacher. A little intention at the door makes all the difference inside.

COMMON MISTAKES

28. Common mistakes

Avoid these and YouTube stays helpful.

The snags I see most are all easy to avoid.

- Searching too vaguely — 'phone problem' instead of the exact model and symptom.
- Clicking the loudest, most dramatic video instead of the calm, clear one.
- Believing a confident video on health, money, or news without checking.
- Calling a number or downloading something an ad or pop-up demands — a classic scam.
- Letting autoplay and suggestions carry you off for an hour you did not mean to spend.

WATCH OUT

The single most dangerous mistake is calling a 'tech support' number or letting a stranger onto your computer because a video or pop-up told you to. Never do that.

COMMON QUESTIONS

29. Common questions

The questions I hear most about learning on YouTube.

Here are the ones that come up most at the kitchen table.

If yours is not here, it is likely a quick answer — ask me, or we can look it up together.

QUESTIONS

30. Is YouTube free?

Yes — free to watch, supported by ads.

Yes, YouTube is free to watch. It pays for itself with advertisements, which is why you see ads before and during videos. There is a paid option called YouTube Premium that removes ads, but you never need it — everything you want to learn is there free, ads and all.

QUESTIONS

31. Do I need an account to watch?

No — an account only adds saving and tidier suggestions.

You can watch almost everything without signing in. A free Google account lets you save videos, make playlists, and get suggestions tuned to your interests, which is handy but not required. Plenty of people learn all they need without ever signing in.

QUESTIONS

32. How do I avoid the scams and junk?

Search specifically, judge calmly, and never call ad numbers.

Search for exactly what you need, choose calm and clear videos over dramatic ones, and treat health, money, and news with extra care. Above all, never call a phone number from an ad or pop-up and never let anyone it sends you take over your computer — that is a scam, every time.

QUESTIONS

33. Why does one video lead to another endlessly?

It is designed to keep you watching — so set your own limit.

YouTube suggests video after video on purpose, because it earns money from your attention. There is nothing wrong with a deliberate browse, but it helps to go in with a question, get your answer, and close it. If you want to wander, decide to on purpose, and perhaps set a gentle timer.

QUESTIONS

34. Can I keep my grandchildren safe on it?

Yes — use YouTube Kids and watch alongside them.

There is a separate YouTube Kids app made for children, which is a safer starting point, and a 'Restricted Mode' setting in the regular app that filters out a lot of grown-up material. Even so, it is wise to keep an eye on what the little ones watch and to choose videos together rather than letting it autoplay.

QUICK RECAP

35. The quick recap

The whole guide in one glance.

- YouTube is free and can teach nearly any practical skill — the challenge is the clutter, not the cost.
- Search specifically, with the exact brand, model, and problem.
- Favor calm, clear channels over loud, dramatic titles and thumbnails.
- Treat health, money, and news videos as opinions to confirm, not gospel.
- Never call a number or download anything an ad or pop-up tells you to — that is a scam.
- Go in with a purpose and leave when you have your answer, to avoid the endless scroll.

GOOD TO KNOW

The whole skill is: search clearly, judge calmly, and leave when done. Learn that and YouTube becomes the most patient free teacher you will ever have.

BILL'S HERE TO HELP

36. You do not have to do this alone

You just have to remember that a friendly, patient person is one call away.

I hope this guide made learning on YouTube feel a little less daunting and a lot more doable. Keep it in a drawer with your other home papers, come back to a page whenever you need it, and do not worry for a moment about memorizing anything.

When you would rather have a hand, that is exactly what I do. I come to your home, work at your pace, and never make you feel rushed or silly for asking. A first visit is a flat \$99, and for the parts that do not need me on-site I can often help right on your screen for \$49. Every visit comes with a 30-day, come-back-free guarantee. I am a patient tech helper, so

for learning to search YouTube safely, or sorting out whether an alarming video is a scam, I will happily sit with you until you feel sure.

GOOD TO KNOW

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AT A GLANCE

A Picture to Follow Along

The Simple Routine

Get the good, skip the junk



Go in with a purpose and leave with your answer -- that beats the scroll.

AT A GLANCE

A Second Look

Good Teaching vs. Junk

How to tell them apart at a glance

	Helpful video	Junk to skip
Title	Plain, specific	ALL CAPS, drama
Gets to point	Shows the steps	All talk, padding
Health/money	Confirm elsewhere	'Miracle' claims
Ads/pop-ups	Ignore them	Never call numbers

No real company warns of a virus via a YouTube ad -- never call those numbers.

BEFORE YOU GO

A Note From Bill

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GOOD TO KNOW

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