

SET 1 CANDIDATE A

TASK 1 MONOLOGUE

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VOLUNTEERING

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- Many families unable to make ends meet
- The food bank needs all the help they can get
- Consciousness-raising in schools and local businesses
- Spectacle of residents scavenging for food

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- Need for them to get out and about
- Making them feel wanted
- Making sure they live with dignity
- Shame to let their experience go to waste

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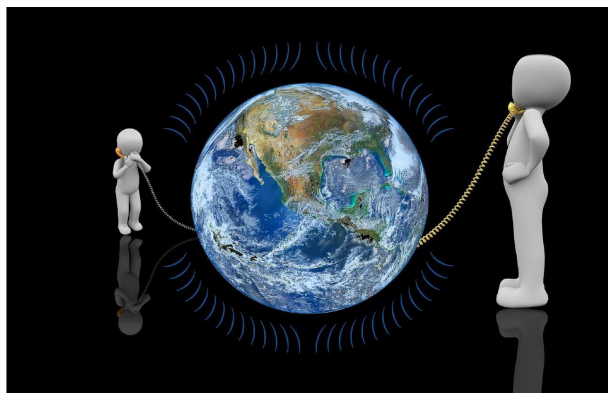
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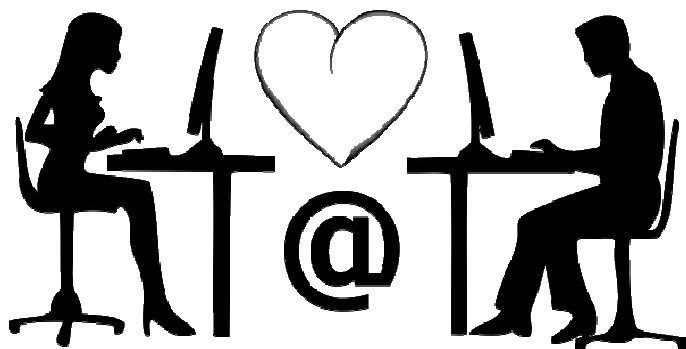
- Greater access to target language
- Cheaper ways of travelling abroad
- More contact with native speakers
- Less afraid of making mistakes

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- Not taking advantage of new technologies
- Going about with others of your nationality abroad
- Native speakers only want to practise your language
- Obsession with qualifications rather than proficiency

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THE SUPPLY TEACHER

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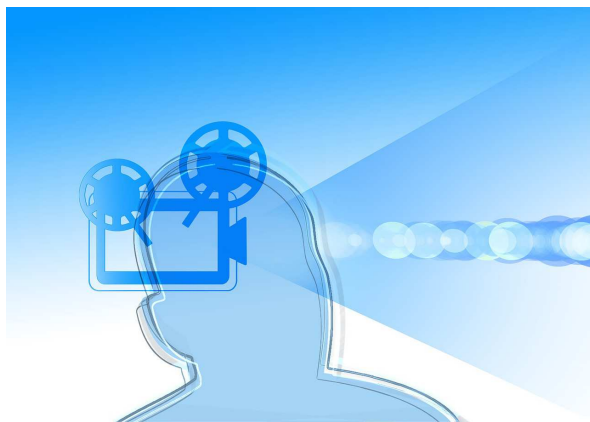
- No discernable method to her teaching
- Neglect of the basics of the target language
- Exam preparation much to be desired
- No attention given to the syllabus

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- No one watches reality TV yet it's popular
- Passing fads: cooking, survival, dancing... what next?
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- A question of getting used to her teaching style
- More about practice than learning rules of grammar
- No point to passing exams without real learning
- Need to follow the class's pace of learning

SET 4 CANDIDATE A

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- Dress code in politics
- Pros and cons of school uniforms
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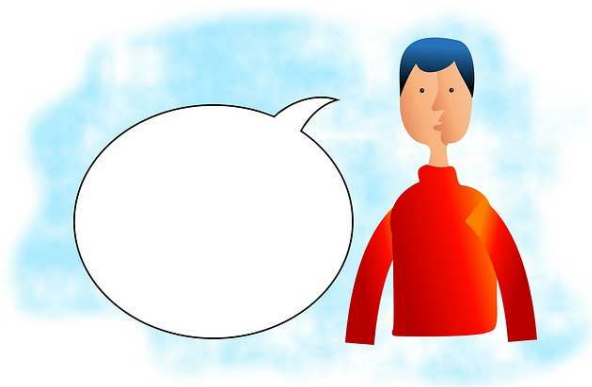
- Public television is a load of rubbish
- Wider range of programmes to choose from
- Bringing the family together round the TV set
- Saving money on cinema tickets

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DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?



- Learning English: pleasure or pain?
- The global predominance of English-speaking culture
- Attitudes to the importation of English words
- Multilingualism in school. Is it effective?

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- Everything is online today
- Big family rows over what to watch
- TV kills creativity
- Let's go out as a family!

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SET 5 CANDIDATE A

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SCHOOLS IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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- Textbooks: unattractive and not environment-friendly
- Endless learning possibilities online
- Adaptation to different learning styles and pace
- More accessible resources

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- Wasting time on electronic gadgets
- Students' reading and writing skills in crisis
- Information overload and decreasing attention span
- Classroom interaction will diminish

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TRAVEL BROADENS THE MIND... OR DOES IT?



- Why do people travel abroad? Who can afford it?
- The impact of tourism on local communities
- Has globalisation taken the soul out of iconic destinations?
- Responsibilities of tourists and tourist operators

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WHAT'S THE POINT OF GOING TO UNIVERSITY?

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- University helps your personal development
- Key to well-paid and challenging jobs
- Graduates are more self-confident and successful
- It's now or never

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ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF FAMILY



- The demise of the nuclear family
- The Dinky (Double Income, No Kids) phenomenon
- Blended families and same-sex partnerships
- Why bother getting married at all?

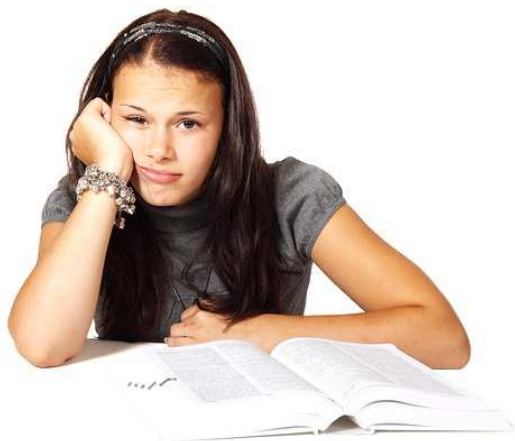
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- Most degrees have no marketable value
- University does not prepare you for real life
- Graduates lack initiative and creativity
- Outrageous university fees

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- Having no privacy is the price of fame
- People need role models to look up to
- Complaining: only a way of getting attention
- Gossip is inherent in human nature

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- Everybody has the right to privacy
- It makes people more shallow and empty-headed
- It makes us dissatisfied with our lives
- Most celebrities are a bunch of boring narcissists

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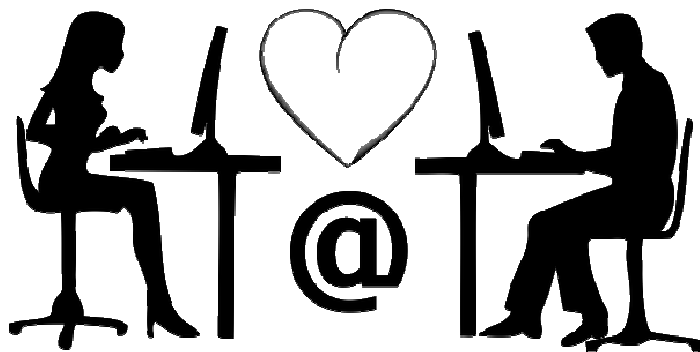
- It's simply ugly and tacky
- It might reduce prospects of finding a job
- What if you want to remove it afterwards?
- It can be a risk to your health

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- It's a question of self-expression
- A generalised trend: who cares anymore?
- It's time to get rid of prejudices
- Don't forget it's an art!

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SQUATTERS

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- They look dangerous and filthy
- All sorts of people come in and out of the building
- They are terribly loud and pushy
- They lower the tone of the building

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- It's the owner who should take action
- It's a poor homeless family
- They haven't behaved in an antisocial way so far
- They can do something for the building in return

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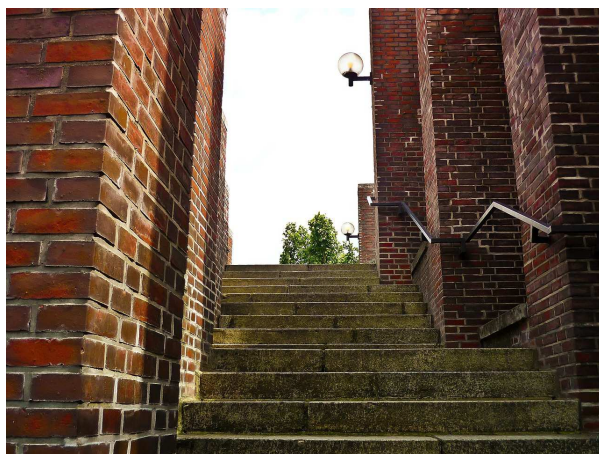
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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

You are attending a meeting in your building to decide how you should spend the money you and the other residents have saved so far. You think you should use it to make the building more accessible. You start the conversation.



- Many residents in the building are getting old
- Need to comply with current legislation
- The council is offering some financial aid
- It would give the building a higher market value

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- The façade is falling apart. It's dangerous!
- We are liable for accidents
- Your office is in the building
- Opportunity to make the building energy efficient

SET 10 *CANDIDATE C*

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- There is no real need to make any renovations
- Some residents are behind with the bills
- Who really benefits from spending the money?
- Decoration is old but it has its charm