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Seminar 4

Module I. Practical English

Seminar 4: Changing lives. Extraordinary talents

Goals of the seminar

1. Introduce the topic
2. Explain how to use imagination to express thoughts, ideas, experiences and feelings
3. Explain the ways of recognizing patterns of development in lengthy texts [inter-paragraph level] on a range of general and curricular topics

Aspects of the seminar

1. Using style and register to achieve appropriate degree of formality in a growing variety of written genres on a range of general and curricular topics
2. Reading long texts quickly to understand the content
3. Describing the difference between formal and informal emails

Assignment form

Online webinar via Microsoft Teams

Task 1. Ask students to read the email from a British girl called Amy to a friend who lives in Italy. Encourage them to underline the four pieces of information that Amy asks for. Check their answers in open class.

Task 2. Ask students to look at the style of the email in exercise 1 and say what things in it are typical of informal emails. Elicit answers from different students around the class

Task 3. Ask students to look at the Writing bank and match the topics with the groups of expressions. Elicit more expressions to add to each group.

Task 4. In pairs, students imagine they have received Amy’s email. Ask them to make notes about the information she wants. Draw their attention to the example.

Extra reading

1. Student's Book, English file 4th edition Intermediate, Oxford University
2. Student's Book, Workbook, Extra materials – Digital Gateway B2, Macmillan Education
3. www.bbc.com