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HOW TO GET YOUR STUDENTS
WRITING IN CLASS....AND
LOVING IT.

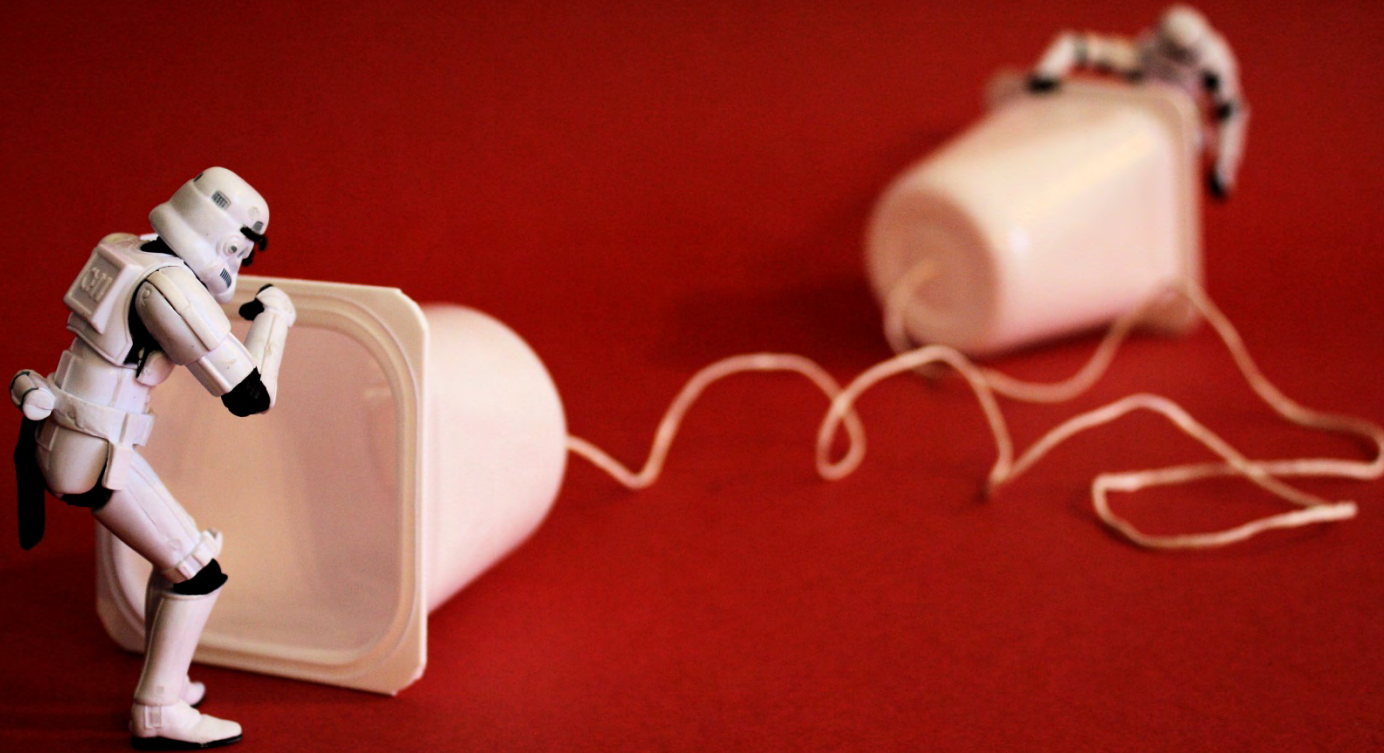


Heads down...

Heads up.....



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Writing can be just as
communicative as speaking

AUDIENCE

We don't just 'read' and 'write':
we always read and write
something for a particular
purpose, in a particular way, in
a particular time and place.'

David Barton

'real' writing

display writing



What kind of writing do your students need to do outside the classroom?

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Public, but Anonymous, Letters: Recently Delivered

A letter from February 3rd, 2012 Dear FutureMe, I hope you are surrounded by people who love you. I hope you have a home where your company is something more than a TV and a radio. I hope that long dark tunnel of highway is over. that you no longer have to drive miles of lonley, dark highway in order to get to friends. onl...

sent 1 year into the future, to Today

A letter from January 4th, 2012 Dear FutureMe, Dear Future Marche' The last 31 days have beautified you greatly. Your commitment to courageously examine your life is beginning to pay off and you bask wonderfully in sticking to your plans. Your lifestyle has become enhanced with an array of color, texture and definition havi...

sent 1 year into the future, to Today

A letter from February 3rd, 2012 Dear FutureMe, Feb 3Rd 1St month gone no magic has occurred, nothing b/day wasn't too bad everyone called pleased to see them even thou a bit nervous of the occasion left a slight warm feeling. still crazy for cyb not a lot to report. hols came and went never met my neighbour! is it going to ha...

sent 1 year into the future, to Today

It's not worth it... Dear FutureMe, It's Friday night. The island is dying. Fires are rendering the skies orange. And I (you past self)'m just about ready to give up on a hollow dream. Honestly, I love her, maybe not "with the white hot intensity of a thousand suns," but I still admire her for who she is, resp...

sent 1 year into the future, to Today

A letter from February 3rd, 2012 Dear FutureMe, I got sick. Yesterday, technically. Our mom made that drink that usually helps the throat. Just wanted to remember how it was made. Directions (for a small cup): - Get cup - Clean and add a few slices of ginger (4-6) - Add hot water - Add a small orange or a slic...

sent 1 year into the future, to Today

A letter from February 3rd, 2012 Dear FutureMe, I am writing to you from the corner of my desk at home...a bit solitary and thoughtful. Will you smile when you read this? The smirk on your face as you laugh at the yesterday because today is so much better and brighter than just two years ago? Well, let's go back to the past a...

sent 1 year into the future, to Today

Feb. 4 hi, just dropping in to say hello. it's a friday night when I should go to bed and want to go to bed but won't go to bed. you know precisely what I'm talking about. just beginning spring semester sophomore year.

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The Sahara desert is the largest of the Earth there are a lot of animals and insects like goats, the yellow scorpion is very dangerous, if it bite you, you will die.

The addax can spend a year in the desert without water.

and amazing wildlife like antelopes, giraffes and
s, the fauna African's continent is divided into two
groups.

Buthus occitanus - Escorpión común

index



ccchloe

6 days ago

After seeing Spectre twice, I stand firm in this order:

Casino Royale > Skyfall > Spectre > Quantum of Solace.

The performances were great as always but the film itself is so underwhelming, with the build up to the villain and the whole idea of Spectre being presented as formidable with their tentacles everywhere. But, it just doesn't deliver. I felt Madeleine was a very under-developed character considering she's supposed to be the Bond girl who ultimately marks Bond getting over Vesper. Sometimes it felt like I was watching a cheap copy of Vesper Lynd, especially during the train scene when Madeleine and James are together.

I liked that Madeleine was at first very reluctant to fall into Bond's arms but they seem to go from not wanting each other to suddenly being in love and it just wasn't believable in the slightest. Casino Royale gave us a believable romance and there was no question Bond fell in love with Vesper but for me, the romance in Spectre was its biggest downfall. It just made me cringe how suddenly and deeply James fell in love with Madeleine - a character which was a complete and utter knock-off of Eva Green's fantastic Vesper Lynd.

I must admit though, I loved the opening credits. Still not a fan of the song as a Bond theme though but it worked very well with the visuals and the story of Spectre. Disappointing film overall.

Reply



Gruntfuggly

38 days ago

I couldn't disagree more with this review - Spectre hangs together so much better than Skyfall with its massive plot holes, improbabilities and stupid storyline. I'm happy with a bit more background for the characters too - surely after 24 films we're entitled to some fleshing out?

The theme is not good though - it could be any old song. Has none of the usual Bond cues except for a bit of strings...

Reply





[Redacted Name]

20 hrs · 🧑

Just picked up the keys to my new flat. Whooop!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (now I've just got to pack and move, less whoopish)

👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

[Redacted Name] and 51 others like this.

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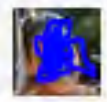
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[Redacted Name] Congrats, brilliant news enjoy the house warming!

Like · Reply · 4 hrs

↳ [Redacted Name] replied · 1 Reply



[Redacted Name] to new beginnings xxx

Like · Reply · 👍 1 · 2 hrs



[Redacted Name] Fabulous news, [Redacted Name]. Wish I could come and help you pack and move. Lots of love and peace in your new home.

Like · Reply · 👍 1 · 1 hr

↳ [Redacted Name] r replied · 1 Reply



[Redacted Name] Where is your flat? I need to be able to visualise it.

Like · Reply · 1 hr

INTERACTION



Collaborating

- Forcing the negotiation of meaning
- Scaffolding: Vygotsky's ZPD
- Lowering anxiety and fostering confidence (Johnson & Johnson 1998)

Texts produced by pairs were shorter than those produced individually, but better ‘in terms of task fulfilment, grammatical accuracy and complexity.’



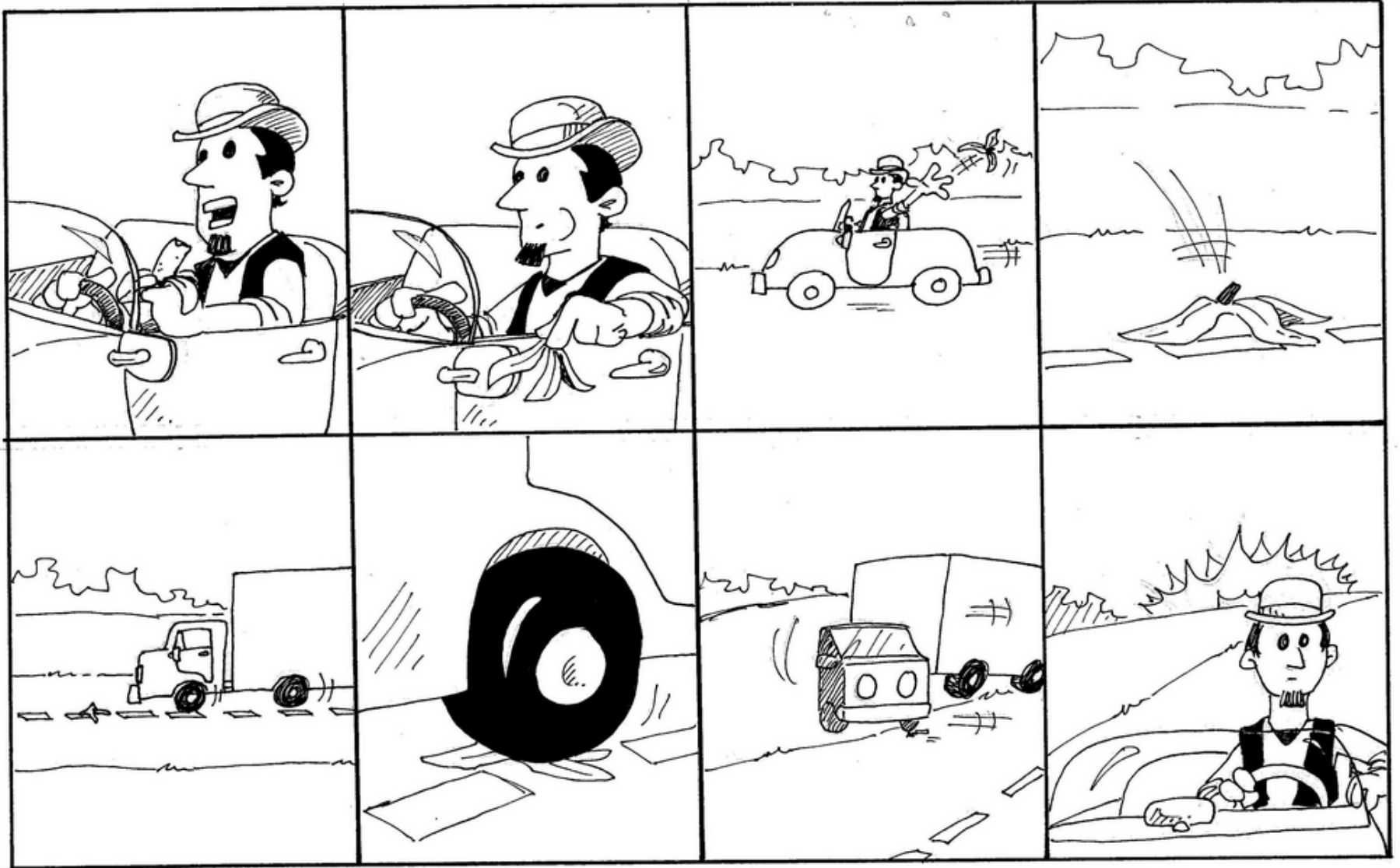
Jigsaw writing

A



B





Circle writing



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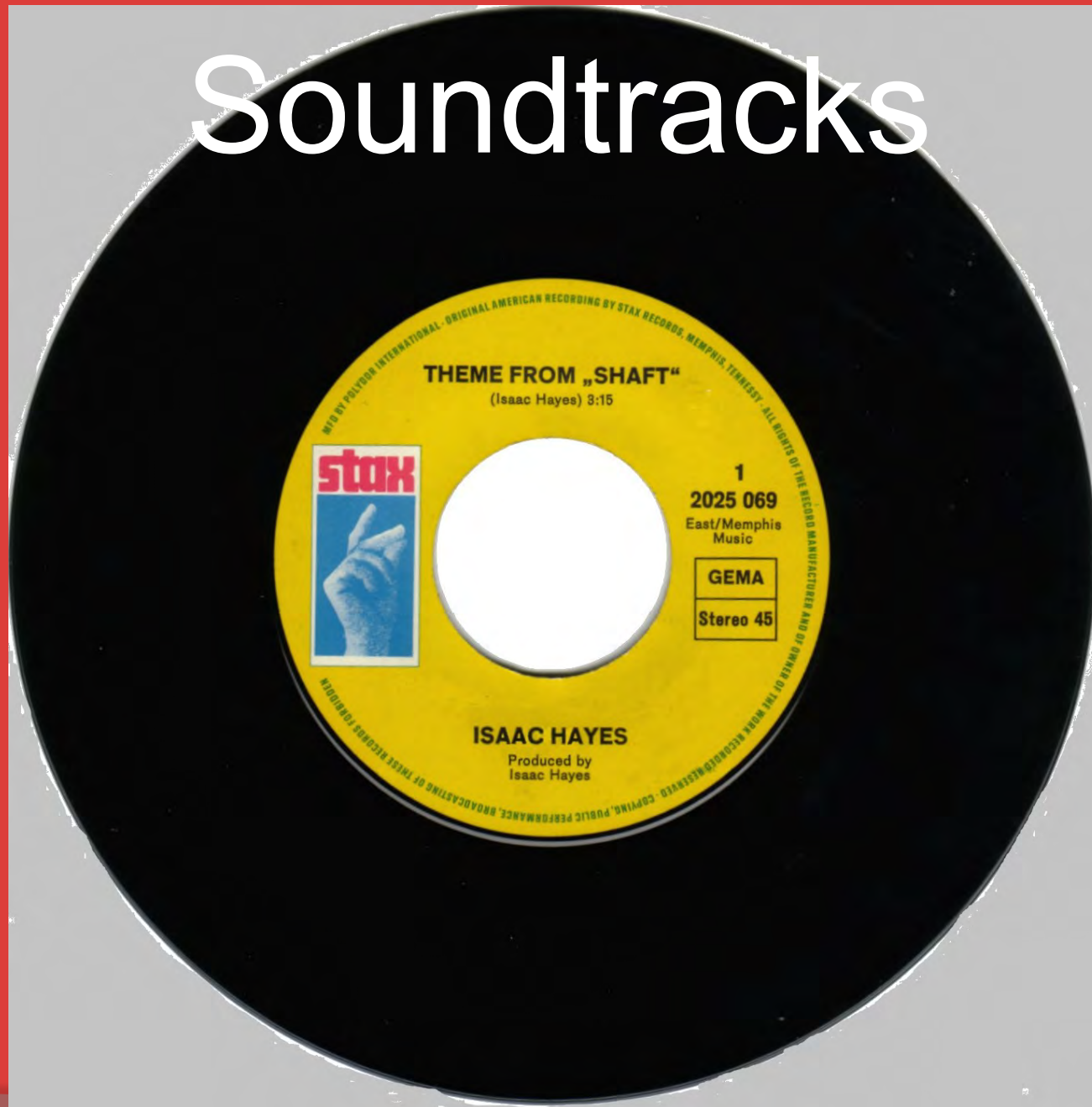
Questions and answers



Tai Chi

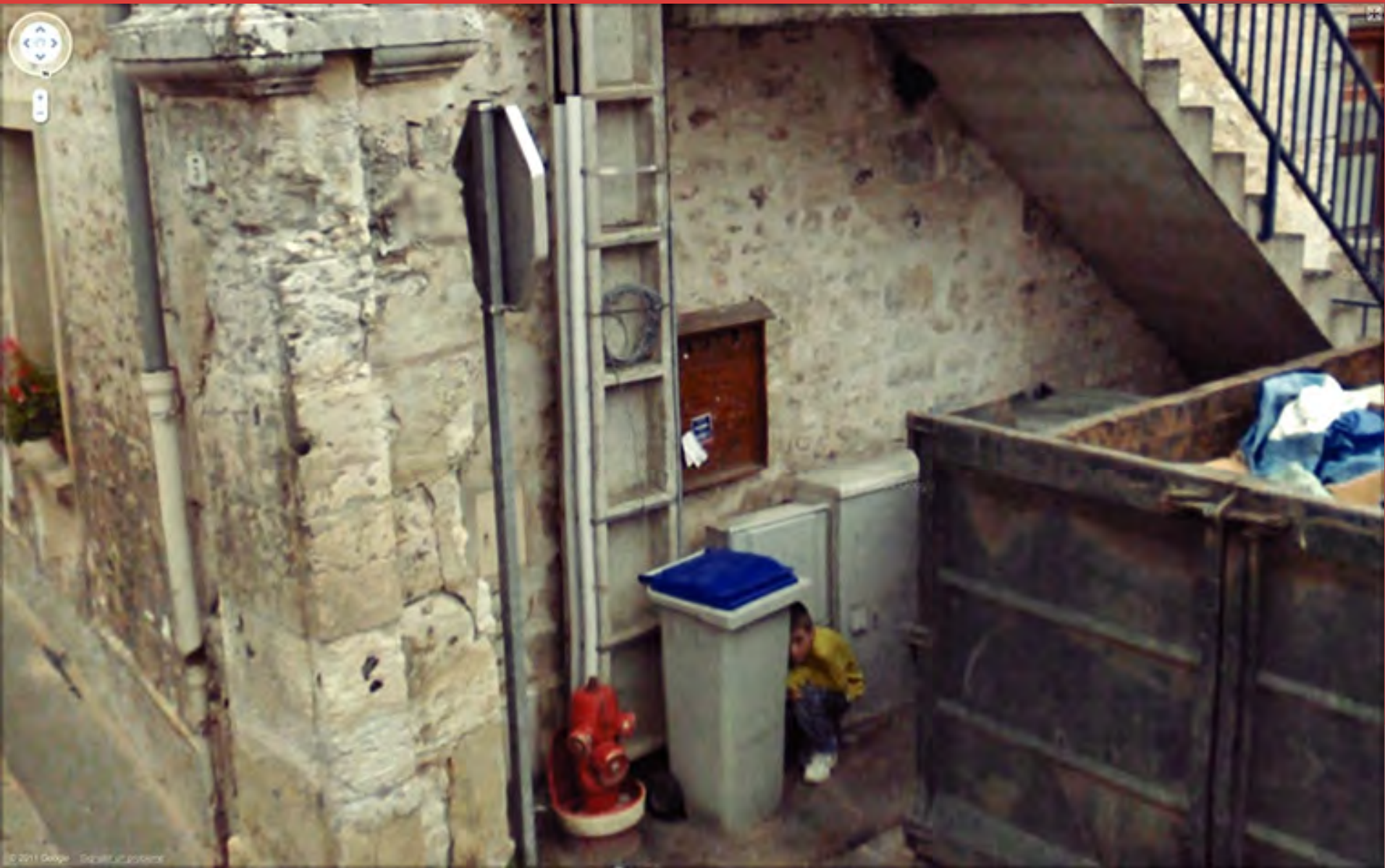
CREATIVITY

Soundtracks



Visuals

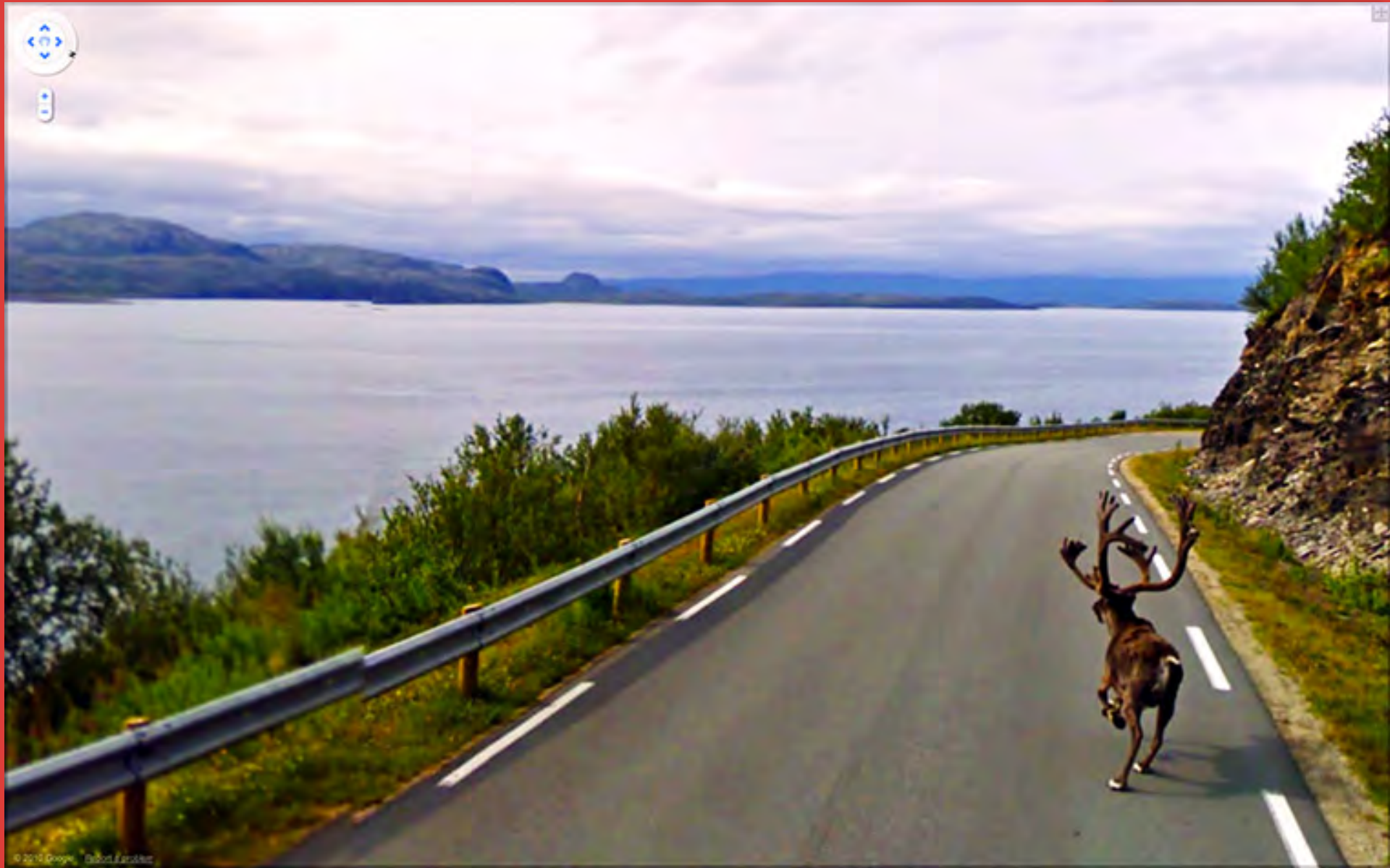




Blaru, France, 2011



**Naco, Sonora – Montezuma,
Sonora, Mexico**



Rv888, Norway, 2010



214 9th Ave, New York, United States

Realia



PREPARATION

In classes which made least progress.....

- There was a lot of de-contextualised writing activity.
- There was a lot of time spent on activities at word and sentence level.
- Individual learners' needs were met through individual tasks and worksheets.
- Limited time was given to the setting up of writing tasks.

“He who is
best
prepared
can best
serve his
moment of
inspiration.”

Samuel
Taylor
Coleridge



Language



- 6 Look at the dictionary definition of 'campaign' and discuss the following questions with your partner.

campaign *verb* campaign for/against sb/sth – to take part in a planned series of activities in order to make something happen or to prevent something happening

- 1 What kind of things do people campaign about? Give 3–5 examples.
- 2 Have you ever taken part in a campaign? If so, tell your partner about it. If not, why not?

Writing writing a persuasive letter/email

- 7 Look at the following campaigns on a website. Which, if either, would you support? Why/Why not?

HOME CAMPAIGNS NEWS JOIN US DONATE

CAMPAIGN

Reduce street homelessness

We need to pressure the government to do more to help get homeless people off the streets and into safe accommodation, where they can start to rebuild their lives.

CAMPAIGN

Stop cuts to support for disabled people

The government is planning to make huge cuts in public spending on support for sick and disabled people, putting tens of thousands of people into poverty. Send an email to your MP to argue against these cuts.



- 8a Read this email sent in support of one of the campaigns in exercise 7 and add the underlined phrases to the correct section in the Language for writing box.

Sent TUESDAY 12:39

Subject: street homelessness

Dear Mr Smith,

I am writing to ask you to support our campaign to end street homelessness.

Although there have been some improvements, it is obvious that too many people are still having difficulty in finding a safe place to spend the night.

Without sufficient hostel places we cannot protect the often young and very vulnerable. Unless something is done, the numbers of those suffering from cold, hunger and even attacks by members of the public will continue to grow.

I urge you to add your support to this campaign.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,
Claire Hall

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING writing a persuasive letter/email

A persuasive letter or email will usually be quite formal because the writer is hoping to make the reader see that this is an important matter, and because the writer wants to be taken seriously.

Introducing the topic

I am writing to express my deep concern about ...

a _____

Introducing your argument

I feel strongly that ...

b _____

Consequences of not taking action

This issue must be addressed or ...

c _____

d _____

Request for action

I hope you will feel able to add your support to this campaign.

e _____

Closing

f _____

I thank you in advance for your support in this important matter.

- b Check your answers with a partner.

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Structure



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1. Reasons for the festival
2. Time of year
3. What people do at the festival
4. Dress
5. Music
6. Food

Story consequences

One snowy day

in the Bahamas

President Bush met

Madonna

HE SAID, 'DO YOU LIKE ME?'

She said, "Twenty miles away."

*The Consequence was they bought a second-hand car
and a wind blew their roof off.*

1. There once was a... who lived in a...
2. He/she was very happy, but he/she had one problem:...
3. One day, he/she met a... on the way to...
4. He said,...
5. She said,...
6. So they decided to solve the problem together. What they did was...
7. Next they...
8. Then they...
9. At last, the problem was solved.

FEEDBACK

“Often a student will repeat the same mistake over and over again, even after being corrected many times... the teacher should conclude that correction simply is not effective.” (Truscott 1996, p.341)

Truscott, John. (1996). The case against grammar correction in L2 writing classes. *Language Learning*, 46:2, 327-369.

Is the
content
interesting
and/or
appropriate
to the task?





Is there a clear sense of audience and is this reflected in the language chosen?



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Are the ideas well organised? Is there a sense of 'flow'?



Does the writer use paragraphs and connectives well to help get their message across?

Does the writer use a good range of vocabulary in an appropriate and flexible way?

http://kuteev.livejournal.com/being able to see each other as often as we'd both like. I've been trying to get through it by reliving all these great times we do have when we finally manage to be in the same place at the same time. I was just telling Andrew, this week I've made up here - actually, he looks a little bit like your older brother, only he's much taller and with darker hair. And his hair isn't so curly. So I guess that means he doesn't really look like your brother at all. Anyway, I was telling him about the time you and I hired that car on holiday in Paris and thought it'd be a good idea to try and drive out to the countryside. Forgetting of course that Paris is one of the largest and most confusing cities in the world. We got stuck in the roundabout below the Arc de Triumpe for hours of have-a-louder-than-thou shouting. I was holding a street directory that neither of us could read? Still one of the funniest moments of my life. Then I remember that tiny little booklet we still are driving around asking for directions for. Maybe it was all at all that fantastic wine we drank along the way while we were there - a fantastic wine we drank. Said we were going to start a picnic. Remember how we probably thinking. Within the hour we were in the car and heading away safely through. One day we made a toast to the happy occasion. There - that was my idea. I'm not sure he wants to think about paying for a big fancy reception just for the season can't be too far away. No doubt he's bunkered down and missing his fishing. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. My seaside stomach. What would you think about fishing a couple of days back with three of the sudden. Not sure how you could've even had a look at the locals what they're called. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. Did not just the ingredients but the local what they're called. Not sure how you could've even had a look at the locals what they're called. The real thing rem they're called. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. how about we take some of the local what they're called. somewhere down the coast. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. Hat be fantastic. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. could come down on the beach. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. place with the rent. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. us cooking, born and bred. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. If you get the chance. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. time off work. I know it's not a long return date. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. but it's kind of out of the way. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. writing so often really. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. obviously near away. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. the only one here who'd be a long distance. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. keeps everyone here talking. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. in that way - all the time. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. Not sure you've seen it. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. and wet. Cold is like your old friend. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. for other. But the rain. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. having to lug around. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. experience that let me go. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. broad as soon as we get. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. talk about the holidays. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers. You know what I mean. I'd actually planned to replace the hooks with sinkers.





Can the writer structure sentences accurately, and with variety and flexibility?



Is spelling and punctuation accurate,
adding to clarity?

Responding to writing, not
(just) error correction.



Langwich Scool

Jon Marks



By Jon Marks, as featured in ETp

Alternatives

- Conferencing
- Comments function
- Reformulating
- Narrowing your focus

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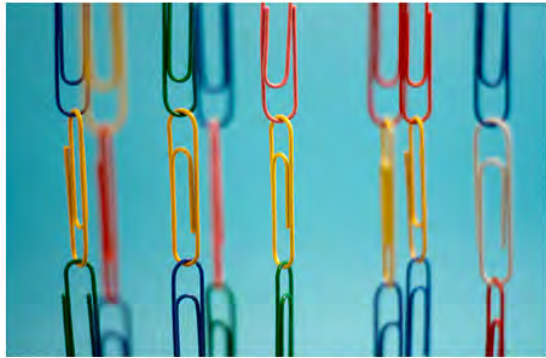
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