

Advanced Certificate in General English

In-class Writing Assignment 2 (Pre-Task)

Pre-task session (suggested) : Week 10 or 11

This pre-task sheet should be given to students in Weeks 10 or 11, before the start of the Christmas holiday season. This will give students enough time to select appropriate reading materials for this book review assignment.

Task 1 : Individual Student Preparation (homework)
Students are encouraged to find out more information about the chosen topic so they can have a more meaningful discussion with their group members for Task 2.

Instructions:
 Choose a book that you like or that you have read recently. Think of these questions as you prepare for the oral and writing tasks that accompany this topic.

You can choose what to say but your contribution to the group discussion should include at least the following:

- what the book is about and what you know of this genre or its author(s);
 - certain parts of the story that you particularly enjoyed or did not enjoy, and why; and
 - who you think would enjoy this story or benefit from reading it.
- Note to student: DO NOT base your review on a movie you have watched. If your review is found to have been plagiarized from published reviews, or based merely on a book or movie synopsis, you will be given no marks for this assignment.*

Task 2: Pre-writing Group Discussion (15 minutes)

This discussion takes place on the same day of the writing assignment (Task 3).

Instructions:
 Work in groups of 3 or 4. Be prepared to discuss with other members of your group what you have learned of this topic. Listen to what they have to say and be prepared to ask and answer questions.

After this discussion, you should have a clearer picture of what ideas you could include for the writing task.