

Creative Ideas for the Exam Classroom

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Ideas for writing:

- raising awareness of what 'good' writing is-

- getting students to copy that

- focus on article, review writing, essay writing

Look at these samples of authentic texts:

-What devices have the writers used to generate interest?

“Who is it?” screamed the Brighton Pride audience. The early evening sky in Preston Park was rose gold as Britney Spears laughed, swished her ponytail and lip-synced the opening line of her dark dance banger Gimme More, which a few glitter-decked revellers wore emblazoned on T-shirts today: “It’s Britney, bitch.”

Owen Myres, The Guardian

It is a grey January morning in a gym near Leicester and Madeley, a former TV presenter turned personal trainer and Instagram phenomenon - and the daughter of daytime telly pairing Richard Madeley and Judy Finnegan - is trying gamely to teach me the correct posture for squats with weights. Bum stuck out, shoulders pinned back, move from the hips. None of this is dignified. It is also killing my hamstrings, although there is only a wimpy 5kg weight on the bar I am lifting, compared with the 60kg she usually manages.

Is Strong the New Skinny, Gabby Hinsliff, The Guardian

She sings. She sparkles. And she's made by women paid just 1p for each doll that shimmers off shop shelves.

This Christmas, tens of thousands of children the world over will excitedly tear the wrapping paper off an Ariel doll - Disney's Little Mermaid - secure in the knowledge that it was made for them by Santa's happy elves at the north pole.

Gethin Chamberlain, The Guardian

- ‘setting a scene’- describing a scene
- speaking to the reader/questions
- repetition
- rhythm/ symmetry
- punctuation
- sentence length

Using a 'scene' in a review/article:

- Helping students to be 'creative'
- Scaffolding by breaking down the task
- Using prompt questions to generate ideas

How to do it:

- consider the topic of the article task (here, spoiled children)**
- think of an example/a situation which can illustrate this- what is it?**

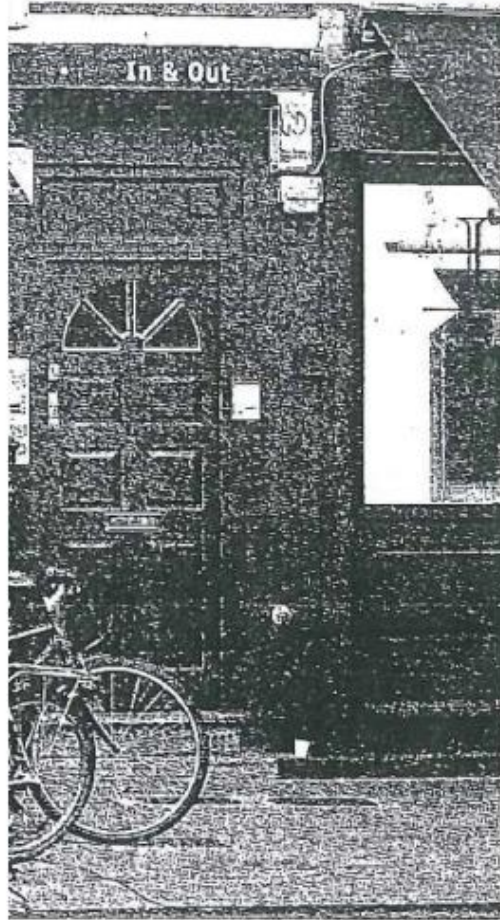
-Paint a picture To do this it might help to imagine a scene like in a film where your example is taking place. To help you form a picture, think about questions like these:

-Who is involved? What is their name(s)? How old are they? What do they look like?

- What are they doing at this moment? How are they feeling?

(important to remember*- present continuous is usually used to give a sense of immediacy, and make a description more 'real')

Punctuation is Power



east London TERI PENGILLEY

Rage against the moustache

With their contrived facial hair, fixed-gear bikes and craft beers, hipsters are a highly visible target for condemnation and comedy. But there's a bit of them in all of us, says **RHODRI MARS DEN**

DEATH TO HIPSTERS. That's what it says on the T-shirt. Death. To hipsters. I'm pretty sure that the chap wearing it isn't on a murderous crusade, but if he were pursuing some kind of jihad he wouldn't be short of hands-on support. There's an independent film out shortly called *Death To Hipsters*, too. Its blurb reads: "If you're offended by this, stop wearing your sister's pants and mixing techno music, and get some goddamned help."

Once you start noticing hipster hate, it's

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Commas (,)

- 3 a Read these sentences and work out the rules for commas. Then check in the Writing reference.
- 1 Madonna has homes in London, Los Angeles and New York.
 - 2 If you have the right attitude, you'll make it.
 - 3 Winning an Oscar is an impressive achievement, isn't it?
 - 4 Unfortunately, lasting relationships are rare in show business.
 - 5 Julia Roberts, whose best known film is *Pretty Woman*, has been married twice.
- b Add commas to these sentences where necessary.
- 1 I'll ask Robbie to give you a ring if I see him.
 - 2 An autograph collector needs a notebook a couple of pens a camera and a lot of patience.
 - 3 Tell me what are you going to do next?
 - 4 What's the film that got ten Oscars last year?
 - 5 I managed to get a ticket believe it or not.
 - 6 Pierce Brosnan the actor who played James Bond is Irish.

Society



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How to spot a liar - even if he isn't a cabinet minister



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And what about the rest of us? How many of our #livingmybestlife Instagram posts are, to put it charitably, putting a positive spin on things?

FCE review task:

Reviews Wanted!

A concert I've been to

Write us a review of a concert you've been to. It could be a pop, rock or classical concert, or one with a different type of music. Include information on the music, the place and the atmosphere.

The best reviews will be posted on the website next month.

Write your review.

Kissed by fire

Julia

TASK 2

- 3 -

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Well, believe me or not, I've been there! After
a long and annoying ~~not to forget~~ - expensive
ticket-hauling, I finally made it. Let's forget about
now ~~the long travel~~ the ^{journey} travel to the arena ^{took} endured
and how ridiculous the prices for my coke have
been. Let's talk about essential stuff: Eddie!
Amazing songs, ~~amazing~~ stunning performances and
that smile! ~~Georgeous~~! And I definitely ~~wasn't~~
haven't been the only person who enjoyed it.

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has

- Reading each other's work
- Recognising 'effect on reader'
- Using 'chain-writing'

TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG

There's this guy that went to Asia for 3 weeks. Bought 3 new pairs of sneakers. ~~Fancy ones~~ The newest edition. Afternoons he spends with his friends playing videogames, the nights usually end in a hip club, dresscode obligatory, and not to forget, an expensive vodka-bottle brought to their table with ~~that~~ sparkling fireworks.

This guy is 18. ~~and~~ This guy has wealthy parents.
This guy is spoiled.

But does he know how the world works? ~~But~~ To answer that question quickly. He does certainly not. But what will happen to our society when ~~does people~~ these children grow up and become ~~the~~ the spine of our society?

~~It is a common~~ It's nothing new that the kids ruin the empires parents build for them, ~~we~~ we have plenty of enterprises gone bankrupt because of generations that did not prove ^{to be} up to the task.

But now the problem seems systemic, the story we told is, the guy we depicted, could be anyone, seemingly ^{today} his description ~~nowad~~ ~~core~~ could fit nearly anyone his age.

Templates

Many ordinary people are fascinated by the lives of famous stars. (justification/explanation/example)+ (perhaps add a consequence)

(Link word/phrase), many celebrities are role models for people in society. (add an example and consequence with a conditional sentence)

(link word/phrase), (some people argue—make this passive) that famous people should know that the price of fame is loss of privacy. (justification/explanation/example)

In conclusion, although _____,

CPE Essay task:

challenging for several reasons

Key skill:

- summarising and evaluating given texts
- adding own ideas

Engaging in critical thinking

- discussion questions as pre-task; sensitising students to opinions- what might be evaluated in given texts

Movie magic

It has often been claimed that people flock to the cinema primarily to escape from the boredom, or sometimes even the misery, of their everyday lives. Remarkable technological advances have made the experience of watching a movie ever more magical and emotionally powerful, increasing the appeal and impact of the cinema for each new generation. Yet movies have a power that goes far beyond their capacity to transport us to another world, since they can influence audiences to change their attitudes or behaviour in significant ways, making them consider complex moral and social issues such as war, poverty, and prejudice.

Is the cinema in decline?

The inescapable truth is that the cinema, one of the greatest cultural achievements of the twentieth century, has reached a new low point in recent years. All but a few movies are, frankly, not worth anyone's valuable time. Audiences are increasingly presented with childish comedies, predictable action films and disappointing sequels. There is also the absurd idea that a film with an inflated budget of millions is a substitute for a well-acted, imaginative and original film. Film studios now spend almost as much money on marketing their films as producing them, which tends to suggest their concern is with profit rather than quality.

Leading questions:

Some people think that cinema has the power to take us out of the everyday experience. It is magical. It helps us to escape our problems and concerns for a little while.

What do you think?

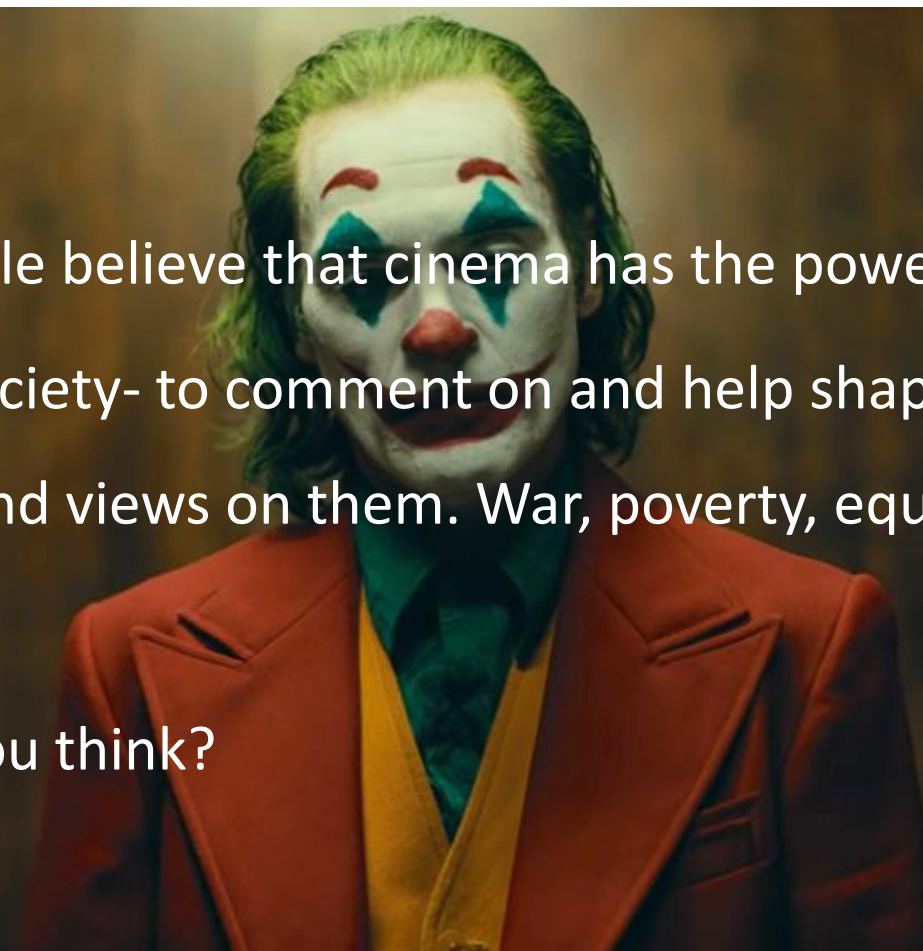


Some people say that with improvements in technology, the viewer experience has been enhanced. In other words, cinema is a more special, magical experience than in the past.

What do you think? / What would the counter-argument be?



Leading questions:

A portrait of the Joker character from the movie 'Joker'. He has green hair, white face paint, and blue and red makeup around his eyes. He is wearing a red suit jacket over a yellow vest and a green shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

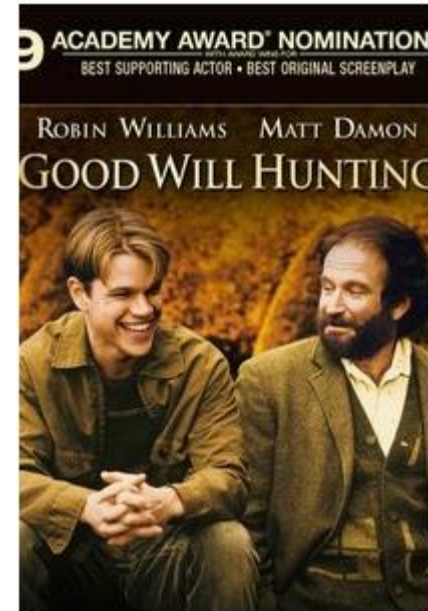
Some people believe that cinema has the power to tackle issues in society- to comment on and help shape- our attitudes and views on them. War, poverty, equality, for example.

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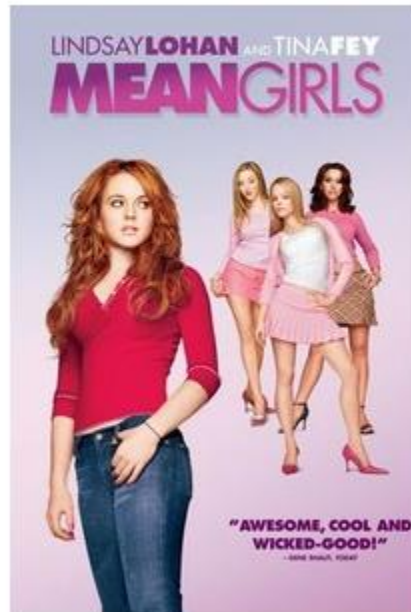
Cinema is Magic



Any Given Sunday



Good Will Hunting

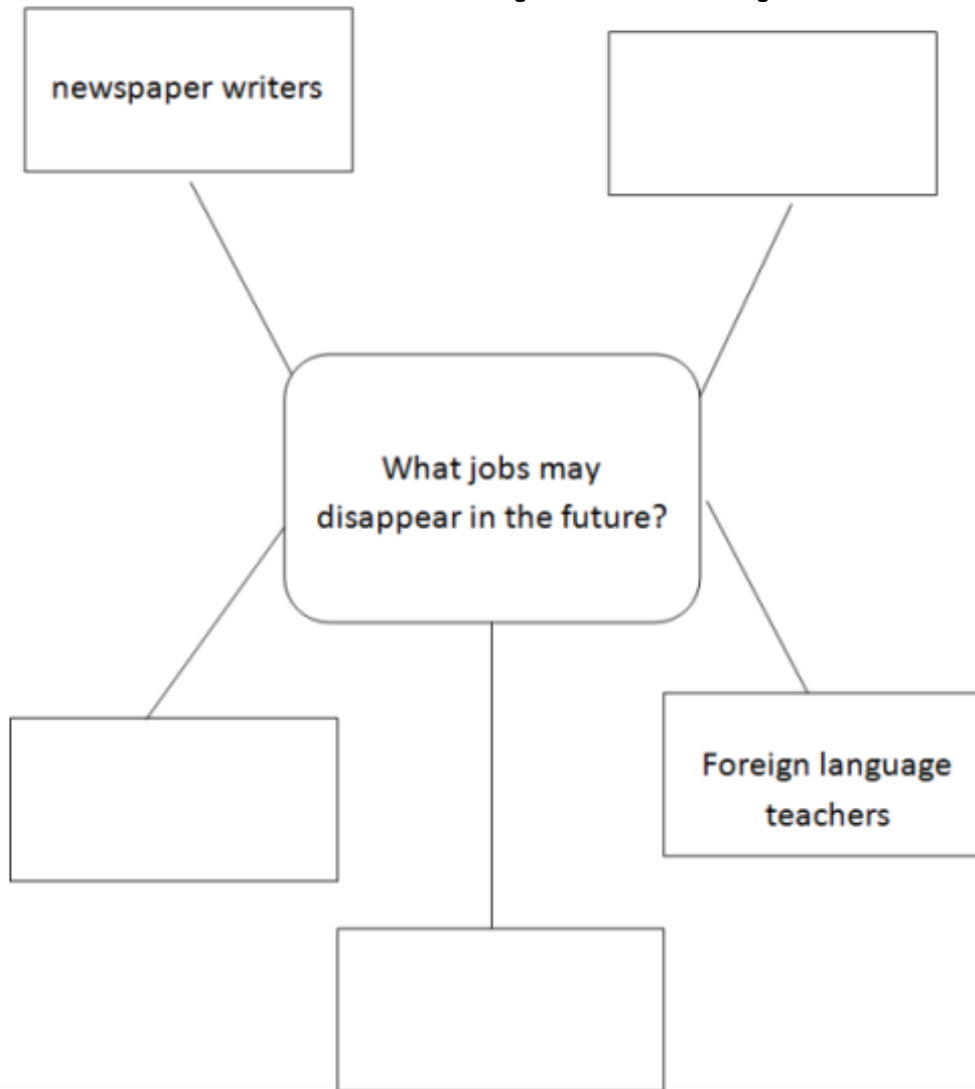


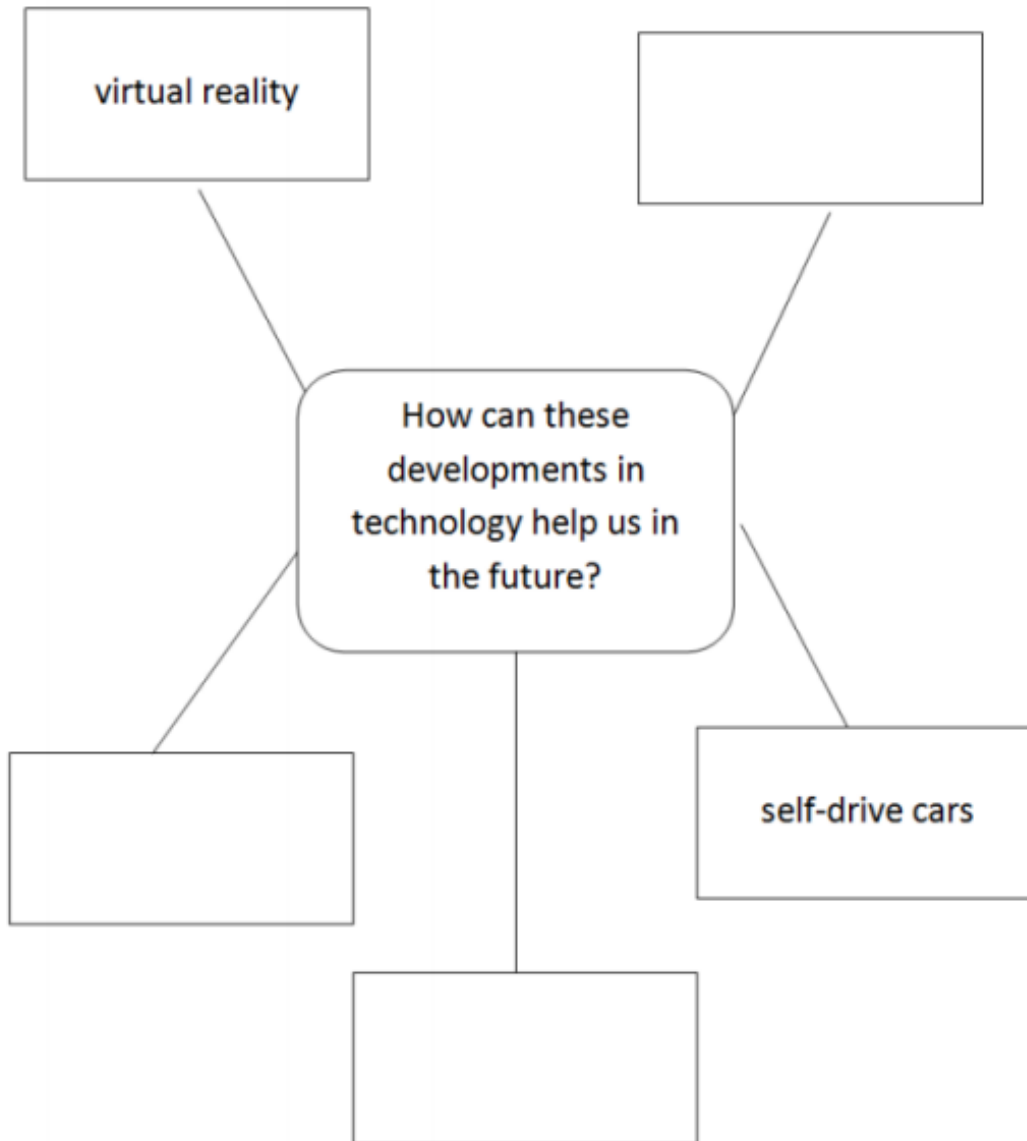
Mean Girls

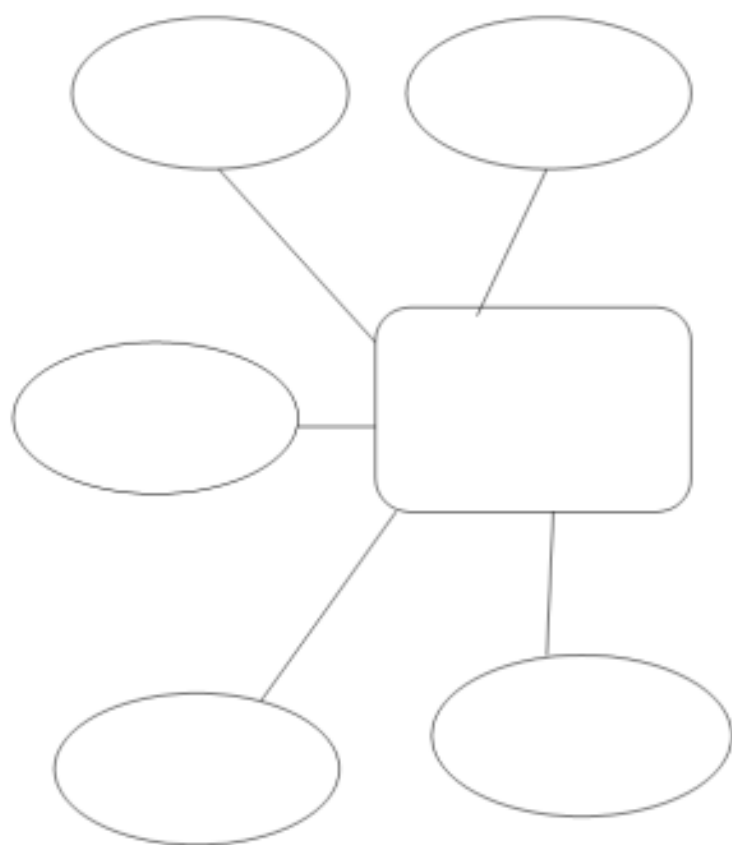
Ideas for speaking:

- making 'meaningful' speaking tasks- personalization
- presentations
- acting-role-play
- negotiation- tasks

Open/semi-open questions







Target language Bingo

<i>Of course,</i>	<i>Then again,</i>	<i>Mind you,</i>	<i>As a matter of fact,</i>
<i>Anyway,</i>	<i>Well, actually,</i>	<i>Having said that,</i>	<i>Not only that,</i>
<i>As well as that,</i>	<i>Anyhow,</i>	<i>Besides that,</i>	

Pass the baton questions; referring to partner's questions;

- *What is the value of coming second?*
- *Many people feel that competitive games should be discouraged in schools.*
- *What do you think?*
- *How can a rivalry be productive for individuals?*
- *Some people say that fairness in sport is unattainable.*
- *What do you think about this?*

Mini-Presentations

A Song You Should Know...

Introduce a piece of music that is important to you or that you feel is noteworthy.



Skeaford Mode "Tied Up In Nottz" (official video) [2014]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vqgqIMdJNA>



Joyner Lucas - 'I'm Not Racist'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43gm3CJePn0>

Expert



Expert

-ask me about...

Mountain bikes from 1992-1998



Any Given Sunday



I don't know what to say really.
Three minutes
to the biggest battle of our professional lives
all comes down to today.
Either
we heal
as a team
or we are going to crumble.
Inch by inch
play by play
till we're finished.
We are in hell right now, gentlemen
believe me
and
we can stay here
and get the shit kicked out of us
or
we can fight our way
back into the light.
We can climb out of hell.
One inch, at a time.

Interview with a Caveman



Adapted from CPE Testbuilder, Harison, Mark, Mac Millan 2015

Drummer in a Rock Band

Ask me about:

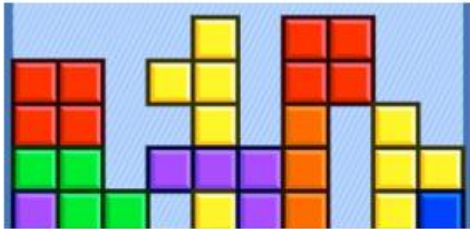
- Daily routines
- What skills/training I need
- What I like/don't like about my job

Gallery Curator

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Game Plan



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0ZKxP6io6A



Game Plan

Concept:

What is the genre of the game? For example, a role-play game, a shooter,

What is the setting?- where does it take place/what time period, etc.

Is it a first person game?

What does it look like?- basic 2D/-High Definition 'real', etc.

Game play:

How does the game work?

What is the aim of the game?

How difficult is the game?

How do you progress/move to the next level in the game?

How do you win the game?

What are the obstacles/enemies?

Other considerations?

Who would like this work?

How might it appeal?

Justify your selection



Van Dyck



Van Gogh



Hockney



Sargent



Lucas



Bacon



Freud



Muniz

Proposal for Gallery Improvements and Acquisitions

You are part of an acquisition board for a local gallery which is the only public exhibition space serving a small city.

The gallery was opened over 50 years ago and prides itself on its record of engagement with the local community. Unfortunately, however, visitor numbers have been steadily falling over the last five years, and part of your mission is to reverse this trend.

Fortunately, the gallery has recently received substantial funds from a patron, which will help improve the situation.

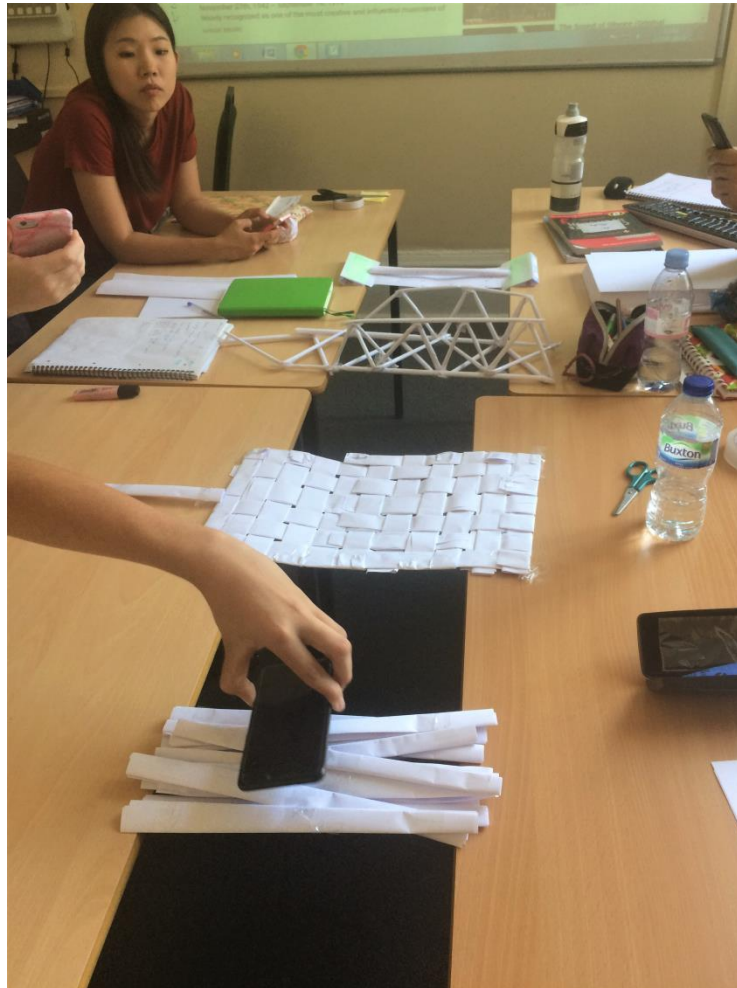
Now you have to decide how to use this money to help the gallery. You can spend this money on:

- improving the facilities
- making art purchases to add to the collection
- running educational workshops or courses
- Anything else you think will help the gallery

The Budget is £10,000,000, and you can concentrate on one of the options above or any combination. However, all spending must be carefully justified

- First, decide who the different groups of people the gallery should serve are. Consider groups that usually do not visit art galleries- how can you engage with this group? Does it matter if they do not visit?

Build a Bridge



Write your **Oscar** speech.



Consider your life journey

The successes you've had

Who has influenced and helped you

And add an X Factor element. For example, make a
political rant