

WRITING

Time: 60 min.

Imagine that you are suddenly free to do whatever you want but only for 24 hours. No rules or laws apply to you for that time and you don't have to think about the money. How would you choose to spend this time?

Write a short paragraph expressing your thoughts. You are to include:

- *at least 1 thing you would do and why;*
- *at least 1 thing you definitely wouldn't do and why;*
- *at least 2 idioms;*
- *at least 2 phrasal verbs.*

Write 150-200 words.

Speaking

Preparation (20 min)

TASK

You will have to work in a group of five to prepare a talk show. The presentation of the show will be 10-12 minutes long. You have 20 minutes to prepare.

The topic of the show is “Curriculum in High School”.

Discuss the following aspects of the topic:

- What new subjects should be introduced or what subjects should occupy a more important place in the time table;
- What subject that school students have to take now are unnecessary or outdated;
- Should students be given more freedom as to which subjects they can choose to take?

You will be playing the roles of 5 people:

- 1) The host/ hostess, who is the moderator of the show. His/her role is to introduce the participants, stimulate the discussion, ask for clarification when necessary and draw conclusions at the end of the presentation.
- 2) 4 guests, who are expected to express their views on the topic and ask each other questions to show the weaknesses of their opponents' positions. The guests are:
 - ✓ A school student, a 10th-former
 - ✓ A parent of 4
 - ✓ A famous journalist writing on the problems of school education
 - ✓ A teacher/ head teacher of a comprehensive secondary school

Tips for the preparation

Distribute the roles.

Decide how the show will go, in what order you will be speaking, etc.

Each participant is to invent a personality behind their role; think through the arguments and possible questions to ask. If necessary, make notes. However, you will not be allowed to read during the presentation.

Tips for the presentation

Play your role, speak freely, do not read from your notes.

Listen carefully to what everyone has to say.

Support your point of view with arguments and examples.

Make sure you ask each of the other guests at least one question.