

Dear all,

Hopefully you're all "live and kicking". Tomorrow I'll see you again at the habitual hour in the cyberspace (same link as before).

Please make sure that you log in on time and your audioµphone works). I myself has washed my hair today, so hopefully my camera works tmr...

In the meantime, a quick reminder of some of the evaluations ("some" is not "all", so make sure that you be there tomorrow) -

The written assignment is due on April 10th, and you're expected to upload your article onto the google drive I set up last time (you have all received an invitation link, if not, double check and ask me). The written assignment is an advertorial of no less than 300words of a product/service of your choice. You need to undertake certain research to have a decent understanding about what advertorial is and the specific elements you need to pay attention to, e.g. readership, storytelling, etc. That being said, to make sure that your advertorial is well catered to the specific readership of your choice, you should include a brief paragraph before the actual advertorial, where you'll explain who your readers are, aka. what magazine/newspaper/specific online platform, etc.

As for the oral presentation, each of you is expected to deliver a presentation (with or without ppt) - summary of a current affair of your choice (by current, let's say during the

last 3 years, so you'll have a large pool of choices). It's an individual presentation, so you will drop the pair you had before. Please make sure that 1. a presentation is not a reading session, some of you had rather disastrous grades last semester as a result of neglecting this. Take this from me - you sound way much more natural when you drop that cheatsheet - also, if you struggle to memorize the exact words from the news, just don't it - say it in your own words, rephrase the thing, tell your own story. You're expected to deliver a presentation, and NOT a simple news coverage. So make it INTERESTING in your own way. 2. please make sure you deliver it for between 5-6mins. The presentation will be followed by a short Q&A/discussion session, so each person has around 10mins in total. 3. ask yourself why you choose the very topic that you choose - it's highly likely that you'll be asked about it. The presentation will take place in the following two weeks - April 3rd and 10th.

I'll answer any questions related to these two evaluation tomorrow. Additionally, if you have missed any evaluation (we've had two so far, one vocab and one listening, and there're still 4 evaluations left - one mock toeic, which will be replaced by something else, one class participation, which will also be replaced by something else, one written assignment, and one oral presentation), it's the same rule as before - No retake exam will be given. I mark you on arel as absent, and you justify it by sending your justification to the scholarship. If it's justifiable, they'll simply recalculate your average afterwards.

See you all in less than 24hrs, and I do hope to see you all - not just for the quiz or the course, but simply to know that you are still doing well and hanging in there!

With love
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