ESL 185                              Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 2 to 4
Instructor: ____________________________       Name:  _____________________________

SKILL:  GRAMMAR

Goal:   To review passive and active voice

Materials:
Grammar In Context:  Unit 3  (computer)

Click on Lesson 3: Passive & Active Voice.

Complete the following activities:
1. Lesson 3 Pretest           SCORE: _____ / 15
2. Lessons 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9
3. Lesson 3 Re-Test           SCORE: _____ / 15

AND
• Write notes about what you learned in the space below. You can click on the PDF Notes in the top right corner if you want to, or you can ask the ESL lab instructor for help.

Grammar Notes

To open this program:
1. Click on the ESL Resources folder.
2. Click on Grammar Instruction & Practice.
3. Look on the side wall of your computer station to find your User Name and Password. Log in.
4. Click on Grammar In Context 3.
Goal: To review essay structure

Materials:
Writer’s Resources (computer)

To open this program:
1. Click on the ESL Resources folder.
2. Click on Writing.
3. Click on Writer’s Resources 2.0.

• Click on the arrow to go to Contents.
• Under Writing Elements, click on Lesson 6: The Essay.
• Start with the Introduction (6.1) by clicking the arrow to go to the next page.
• Write notes in the space below while you are studying how to write an essay.
• Complete as many of the 40 pages as you can.
ESL 185                              Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 2 to 4
Instructor: ____________________________       Name:  _____________________________

SKILL: READING / VOCABULARY

Goal: To increase reading fluency & comprehend new vocabulary in context

Materials: (books)
Any *Penguin Reader*, Level 5 or higher  OR
Any *Oxford Reader*, Level 5 or higher  OR
Any two *Footprint Readers*, Level 6 (You can listen on the computer and watch a video later.)

- Read as much as you can in 35 minutes.
- In the space below, write the title of the book and the author’s name.
- Find 5 new or difficult words. Write a cohesive paragraph (6 sentences or more) that includes these words. The paragraph should not be about the book. Underline the words you use.

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SKILL: LISTENING/NOTE TAKING

Goal: To improve college-level listening comprehension

Materials: TedTalks (computer)

Ted Talks: “What Makes a Good Life”


- While you are listening, in the space below, write notes about the content of the presentation. This means you write what you have learned about what makes a good life. The ESL lab instructor will ask you questions about your notes, so be prepared to answer those questions.

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To open this program:
1. Go to the ESL Resources Folder and click on Listening.
2. Click on ESL 185.
3. Click on Lecture 1 – Good Life.
Goal: To review adjective clauses

Materials: Grammar In Context 3: Lesson 7 (computer)

Click on Lesson 7: Adjective Clauses.

- You need to spend 40 minutes working on the computer program, and then you need to complete the writing assignment.

- Complete the following activities:

  Lesson 7 Pretest   SCORE: _____ / 15
  Lessons 7.1 – 7.9   SCORE: _____ / 15
  Lesson 7 Re-Test   SCORE: _____ / 15

  THEN

- In the space below, write a cohesive paragraph (6 sentences or more) of your own using adjective clauses. Use who, whom, whose, which, that, when. Underline the relative pronouns.

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To open this program:
1. Click on the ESL Resources folder.
2. Click on Grammar.
3. Click on Grammar Instruction & Practice.
4. Look on the side wall of your computer station to find your User Name and Password. Log in.
SKILL: VOCABULARY

Goal: To increase reading fluency & comprehend new vocabulary in context

Materials: (books)
Any Penguin Reader or Oxford Reader, Level 5 or 6

- Read for 30 minutes, and then complete both the activities below.
- On the Vocabulary Activity worksheet on the next page of your Packet, write the title of the book and the author’s name at the top.
- Find 5 new or difficult words from the book. Write them on the worksheet. Copy the sentences they are in. Write the definition (from the dictionary), and then use them in your own sentences.
- Staple your worksheet to the back of this paper.

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- In the space below, write a one-paragraph summary about what you read today.

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SKILL: READING/VOCABULARY

Goal: To increase reading fluency & comprehend new vocabulary in context

Materials: (books) Keep reading the same book as last time if you did not finish it.

Any Penguin Reader, Level 5 or 6 OR
Any Oxford Reader, Level 5 or 6 OR
Any two Footprint Readers, Level 6 or 7 (computer audio + video)

- Read for 30 minutes, and then complete the activities below.
- In the space below, write the title of the book and the author’s name.
- Write one paragraph (5 sentences or more) about what you read.

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Write 3 questions that you would like to ask about what you read. These are questions that you do not know the answers to. When you finish, you can ask the lab instructor your questions to see if he/she knows the answers.

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To listen to your Footprint Readers:
1. Open the ESL Resources folder.
2. Open the Reading folder.
3. Open Footprint Readers.
4. Click on Level 6 or 7 and then click on the titles of your books.
ESL 185  Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 8 to 10

Instructor: __________________________               Name: _____________________________

SKILL: GRAMMAR

Goal: To understand and use parallelism or noun clauses and indirect speech

Materials:
Grammar Explorer Level 2 (computer) OR Writer’s Resources (computer)

Click on Grammar Explorer Level 2: Unit 16
In Unit 16, complete the following activities:
   Lesson 1: Learn 1 and 2
   Lesson 2: Learn 1 and 2; Practice 1 and 2
   Lesson 3: Learn 1 and 2; Practice 1 and 2
   Review the Grammar: Unit Challenge

Write notes about what you learned in the space below. You can click on the PDF Notes in the top right corner if you want to, or you can ask the ESL lab instructor for help.

OR

Writer’s Resources - Lesson 16: Parallelism
Study the information on parallelism, and as you are studying, in the space below, write notes about what you are learning. Write plenty of notes because the ESL lab instructor is going to ask you questions about what you have learned.

Writer’s Resources 2.0 Shortcut is in the ESL Writing Folder.

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SKILL: WRITING

Goal: To look at sample essays and then develop an outline

Materials:
Write’s Resources (computer)

- Go to Rhetorical Patterns and choose one type of essay that you would like to practice (such as comparison/contrast or cause/effect or something else that interests you).
- Spend 25 minutes studying the examples, outlines, tips, and doing the exercises.
- Go to Topics for Writing at the end of the type of essay you studied. Choose a topic for an in-class essay.
- In the space below, brainstorm the main points and supporting points for this essay. Write a thesis statement.

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SKILL: LISTENING/MECHANICS

Goal: To practice using direct and indirect speech

Materials:
Grammar Explorer 2 (computer) and
Any Classic Comic (book and computer)

- Click on Unit 16: Noun Clauses & Reported Speech.
- You need to spend only 10 minutes working on Grammar In Context 2.
- Click on Review the Grammar.
- Complete Review 2.
- Click on the PDF in the top-right corner to review the rules about direct and indirect speech. Print the PDF.
- Next, listen to a Classic Comic for 20 minutes.
- In the space below and on the next page, copy 5 pieces of dialog from the pages you have read. Use quotation marks and reporting verbs.
- Next, change the 5 sentences to indirect speech. Make all appropriate changes in tense and punctuation.
ESL 185 Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 11 to 13

Instructor: ______________________________  Name_________________________________

SKILL: WRITING

Goal: To increase sentence variety in writing

Materials:

Writer’s Resources 2.0 (computer)

- Under Writing Elements, do Lesson 3: Sentence Variety
- Start with the Introduction and complete as much of the Lesson as you can. You need to click on the arrow in the top right corner to go to the next page.
- While you are studying, write notes about what you have learned in the space below.
- Ask the ESL lab instructor for help if there is anything that you do not understand.

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Writer’s Resources 2.0 Shortcut is in the ESL Writing Folder.
SKILL: READING

Goal: To increase reading fluency & comprehend new vocabulary in context

Materials: (books) Keep reading the same book as last time if you did not finish it.
Any Level 5 or 6 Penguin Reader OR
Any Level 5 or 6 Oxford Reader OR
Any two Level 6 or 7 Footprint Readers (computer audio + video)

- Read for 30 minutes, and then complete the activities below.
- In the space below, write the title of the book and the author’s name.
- Write one paragraph (7 sentences or more) about what you read.

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- Write 3 questions that you would like to ask about what you read. These are questions that you do not know the answers to. When you finish, you can ask the ESL lab instructor your questions to see if he/she knows the answers.

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ESL 185  
Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 14 to 16

Instructor: _______________________________  Name_______________________________

SKILL:  WRITING

Goal: To develop an outline for an essay

Materials:  

- Go to **Rhetorical Patterns** and choose a different type of essay that you have not done before.
- Spend 25 minutes studying the examples, outlines, tips, and doing the exercises.
- Go to **Topics for Writing**. Choose a topic for an in-class essay.
- In the space below, brainstorm the main points and supporting points for this essay.
- Write a thesis statement.
- If you have time, write the introduction **OR** one body paragraph for the essay.

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Writer’s Resources 2.0 Shortcut is in the ESL Writing Folder.
SKILL: READING/VOCABULARY

Goal: To increase reading fluency & comprehend new vocabulary in context

Materials: (books) Keep reading the same book as last time if you want to finish it.
Any Level 5 or 6 Penguin Reader OR
Any Level 5 or 6 Oxford Reader OR
Any Graphic Novel (book + audio)

For Penguin/Oxford Readers:
• Read for 30 minutes, and then complete the activities below.
• In the space below, write the title of the book and the author’s name.
• Write one paragraph (5 sentences or more) about what you read.
  AND
• Write 3 questions that you would like to ask about what you read. These are questions that you do not know the answers to. When you finish, you can ask the lab instructor your questions to see if he/she knows the answers.

For Graphic Novels:
• Read and listen to your Graphic Novel for 40 minutes.
• Find the Glossary near the back of the book.
• Choose 6 words that are new and useful.
• Write the words and their pronunciation (between the /    / ) in the space below and write sentences using your words. Underline the new words.
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**ESL 185  Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 14 to 16**

**Instructor: _______________________________  Name_______________________________**

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**SKILL: GRAMMAR**

**Goal:** To understand and use conditional sentences or review comma rules

**Materials:**
- **Grammar Explorer Level 2** (computer)  OR  **Writer’s Resources 2.0** (computer)

- Click on **Unit 11: Unreal Conditionals, Wishes**
- Complete the following activities: 11.1, 11.3, 11.4, and 11.5. **Do not do 11.2.**
- Click on the **PDF** in the top right corner to see the grammar notes. **In the space below**, write grammar notes about what you have learned today.
- Ask the ESL lab instructor for help if there is anything you do not understand.
- Write at least **five** conditional sentences of your own. **(Do not copy sentences from Grammar Explorer. Use a variety of conditionals and try to make your sentences interesting.**

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2. Click on **Grammar Instruction & Practice.**
3. Look on the right side wall of your computer station to find your **User Name** and **Password. Log in.**
4. Click on **Grammar Explorer 2.**

**Writer’s Resources 2.0 Shortcut** is in the **ESL Writing Folder.**

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