ESL 185 Skills Center Assignments for Weeks 8 to 10

Instructor: _____ Name: _____

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)

To listen to your **Footprint Readers**:
1. Open the **ESL Resources** folder.
2. Open the **Reading folde**r.
3. Open **Footprint Readers**.
4. Click on **Level 6** or **7** and then click on the titles of your books.

- 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.

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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)

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 Explorer 2***.
5. Click on **Unit 16: Noun Clauses & Reported Speech**.

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:
Writer's Resources (computer)

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

- 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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