

Lesson 3b

Education Online classes



WARM-UP

1. Have you ever taken an online class? Did you like it?
2. Put the benefits of being in a class at regular school in order of importance and justify your choices.

- a. learn new things
- b. make friends
- c. develop social skills
- d. cooperate with others
- e. have fun

Intro

WRITING TASK B

A local high school is planning to offer the option of online classes for students who have difficulty commuting to school. The principal of the high school wants to know how community members feel about this idea.

- Write an **email** to the principal expressing your own opinion about whether online classes should be offered to these students. Give reasons to support your ideas.
- Start your email, "Dear Principal."

ANALYZING THE TASK

- 1a. Read the task and underline the situation described.
- 1b. Answer the questions.

1. Who are you? a high school student
2. Who are you writing to? the school principal
3. Why are you writing? to express my own opinion about whether online classes should be offered to students who have difficulty commuting to school
4. What should your email include? reasons to support my ideas

PREPARING TO WRITE

1. Write an explanation and a result for each topic sentence. You can use the words/phrases given or your own ideas. Indicative answers

1 1st main-body paragraph

- A. **Topic sentence:** Teenagers who study at home will miss the lively atmosphere of the classroom.
- B. **Explanation:** (they - are likely - get bored - gradually - lose - motivation - for learning)
They are likely to get bored and gradually lose their motivation for learning.
- C. **Result:** (there is a risk - be stuck - same level - long period of time - academic scores - suffer)
There is a risk that they will be stuck at the same level for a long period of time and their academic scores will suffer.

2 2nd main-body paragraph

- A. **Topic sentence:** Allowing these particular students to do online classes instead of attending regular school goes completely against one of the primary aims of education, which is helping students develop social skills.
- B. **Explanation:** (even if - students - able - work in groups - online - nothing can replace - benefits - face-to-face communication - peers)
Even if students are able to work in groups online, nothing can replace the benefits of face-to-face communication with their peers.
- C. **Result:** (e-learning - cause - loneliness - social isolation - which - eventually - lead to - health issues - depression)
E-learning can cause loneliness and social isolation, which may eventually lead to serious health issues, like depression.