

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
1	Feb 20	Intorduction; R/S: Socializing	x
2	Feb27	R: quick reading techniques - skimming and scanning practice; W: pre-writing methods: narrowing the topic; brainstorming: making a list, freewriting, mapping; editing	Read an academic article related to your study programme. Underline the main points and ideas. Then narrow the topic for a paragraph. Finally, complete the pre-writing phase using the techniques of freewriting, making a list, or mapping, incl. editing. Enclose the chosen article in your portfolio.
3	Mar 5	INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE (LESSON CANCELLED): W: Testing the skills: timed essay writing	Choose a topic and write an essay (220 words) about it. Submit the essay by email to: sarka.kadlecova@ff.cuni.cz or leave it in the secretary's office in the Language Centre. Deadline: Friday: Mar 6 . Topics: A) Some people have the same type of job throughout their lifetime, while others prefer to change the type of job they do. Discuss why people choose both and give your opinion. B) It is suggested that all young people should undertake a period of unpaid work to help people in the community. Does it bring more benefits or drawbacks to the community and the young people? C) Some people use social media to keep in touch with other people and news events. Do you think advantages of this technology outweigh the disadvantages?
4	Mar 12	Testing the skills: R: reading comprehension exercise; quick reading techniques - skimming and scanning practice	x
5	Mar 19	Paragraph - introduction: topic, main idea; structure: topic sentence, supporting sentences (worksheet AW, Topic 4) G: articles	Choose 2 topics related to your field of study and write a paragraph about each. Underline the topic sentence. Mark the supporting sentences and the concluding sentence.
6	Mar 26	Types of paragraph: W: opinion p., compare and contrast p. (worksheet AW, Topic 5); R: main ideas vs. developing points, reading between lines; V: words and phrases to make a comparison	Write 2 paragraphs (opinion or compare an contrast) on a chosen topic. Underline the topic sentence. Mark the supporting and the concluding sentences.
7	Apr 2	Academic style: R: article; W: summarising and paraphrasing; G: passive voice; homework: AW, Topic 6: Collocation Task)	Choose an article and write a summary of it (max. 250 words). Enclose the chosen article in your portfolio.
8	Apr 9	Letter: formal/informal (worksheet AW, Topic 3); V: useful phrases for writing a letter	A) You'd like to participate in a summer school related to your study programme. Write a letter to the person in charge to ask for detailed information regarding the dates, programme, accommodation and cost. B) You need funding for your research project. Your university offers small grants. Write a letter to the person in charge and apply for a grant for your research project. Introduce yourself and give details about your project and the use of funding.
	Apr 12		SUBMISSION OF THE 1st PART OF THE PORTFOLIO - 1 PIECE OF WRITING
9	Apr 16	Essay I: structure: introduction, body, conclusion; thesis statement (worksheet AW, Topic 10); V: words of different origin	Choose one of the following topics and write an essay expressing your opinion. (approx. 220 - 250 words) A) One of the functions of art is to challenge the establishment. There should therefore be no restrictions in the form of censorship on artists. To what extent do you agree? B) When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success. To what extent do you agree? C) Many newspapers and magazines feature stories about the private lives of famous people. We know what they eat, where they buy their clothes and who they love. We also often see pictures of them in private situations. Is it appropriate for a magazine or newspaper to give this kind of private information about people?
10	Apr 23	SELF STUDY: Essay II: unity and coherence (worksheet AW, Topic 11); V: linking words	Choose one of the following topics and write an essay. (approx. 220 - 250 words) A) Successful sports professionals can earn a great deal more money than people in other important professions. Some people think this is fully justified while others think it is unfair. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. B) A growing number of people feel that animals should not be exploited by people and that they should have the same rights as humans, while others argue that humans must employ animals to satisfy their various needs, including uses for food and research. Discuss both views and give
11	Apr 30	Exam reading practice; V: generalizing, specifying, academic vocabulary practice	x
12	May 7	Exam writing practice: sample essay; V: academic vocabulary practice	SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETE PORTFOLIO
13	May 14	Revision and Consolidation; feedback	OBTENTION OF CREDIT POINTS
R = reading, W = writing, V = vocabulary, G = grammar			
* Please bring the worksheets listed in the syllabus to class.			