

Dear students,

I hope you had a nice weekend.

Here are possible solutions to the tasks on Thursday:

## L12 Avoiding German-sounding sentence patterns

### a BASIC

- 1 If you ask me, Roland paid **far too much** for his new smartphone.
- 2 In 2010 the number of severe storms **was** higher than ever before.
- 3 Many teenagers use the internet **every day** to communicate with friends.
- 4 I **always** download the latest version of the program.
- 5 The author writes that America ignores the rest of the world **all too often**.
- 6 **In her latest book** she points out the decline of America's influence in the world.
- 7 **The author** illustrates this last point with an anecdote.
- 8 The summer months can be quite cool **in some parts of Germany**.

### b suggested answer::

Thomas L. Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum collaborated on the book *That Used to Be Us*, which was published in 2011. Using numerous examples, the authors point out how the US has fallen behind in global competition. According to the authors, America has lost sight of its traditional strengths and values. In the second half of the book the authors make a number of suggestions as to what should be done. To a few of the book's critics, some of these suggestions sounded quite unrealistic. In spite of its gloomy message the book was an instant bestseller.

### 2b LÖS

#### Introducing yourself

- Hi, my name is Tom.

#### Getting into the conversation

- It's very convenient for me to meet you here.
- Excuse me for taking up some of your time, but ...
- I actually always wanted to talk to you in person.

#### Showing an interest in the other person

- Oh, really, you studied at ABC University! I've heard a lot about it.
- I actually always wanted to talk to you in person.
- Would you mind me asking a few questions?

#### Talking about your qualities, likes and dreams

- I think I am quite good at working in a team as ...

#### Expressing dislikes and rejections politely

- I don't think I'm qualified for such a career.
- I'm not sure I really suit a career in ...

#### Saying thank you and good bye

- It was very nice talking to you.
- Thank you so much for your time.
- It was a pleasure meeting you.
- Thank you very much for your advice.

#### Sentences/phrases too blunt or impolite to be used

- I absolutely hate that kind of job.
- I don't care about other people's experience.
- You can't be serious!
- Bye. (if used without any other phrases)

## B10 Choosing the right register

1 informal: B, C, G, K, N neutral: A, E, I, L, O formal: D, F, H, J, M

2 On one occasion Nick drives over to East Egg to have dinner with Tom Buchanan and his wife Daisy, who is his cousin. Tom is a man with a powerful physique who used to be an outstanding student athlete. We learn from Nick that Tom's family is very wealthy. Tom is bored and restless because he doesn't have to work for a living. Nick is somewhat irritated when he learns that Tom is cheating on his wife with a woman he met in New York. As the evening drags on, the whole situation starts to annoy Nick, and he is relieved when he can say goodbye and return to his own house.

3 1 sympathize with

2 overcame

3 seek

4 return

5 relented

6 invented

7 examine

8 arose

9 withholding

10 attended

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Today you are reading a text about job satisfaction and its impact on the employee:

First, please do A5, sb.p. 190-191: Read the text and do all exercises 1ab, 2, 3a.

Then, look at 'Corporate head' on p. 191 and do exercises 1+2+3.

There are 2 lessons of English left in this semester, so we'll have to hurry.

Although a new semester starts after the holidays you are going to take a test on participle constructions and the relevant words from the texts we dealt with in Unit 9, we'll set the date when we meet again.

I hope you are well, stay healthy.

Best wishes

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