Dear class 12/ENG1,

here weg go again. Hope to be in school again soon!

First of all, here are **some hints for last lesson's task**:

- topic: designer babies, i.e. the creation of offspring with desirable characteristics
- a couple talking to a scientist at a genetic engineering lab (cf. caption)
- scientist: sitting in front of a computer desk, holding a test tube in his left hand
- on the scientist's desk: a test tube rack
- wife: asks the scientist to make their baby have astigmatism so that the child will look cute in the glasses he will need
- husband: looks quite pleased with his wife's wish; the scientist seems to be frowning

- test tube rack makes creating a designer baby appear very simple
- ordinarily, people would want their child to be as healthy and intelligent as possible; here, the couple are asking for a child suffering from a mild eye condition
- cartoonist may want to illustrate how scientific progress may be misused for personal interests and may cause suffering if not used well
- cartoonist might want to create awareness of the fact that a baby is not a commodity that can be adjusted to one's personal preferences
- technology involves moral decisions that must not be overlooked.

Here are the **tasks for Wednesday, Nov. 25th**:

1. Have a look at page 41 in your student's books. Study the sculpture and the text below.

2. Work on tasks 1,2 and 3 on page 41.

See you soon!