

Topics for essays (winter 2011):

1. “In elementary schools, the researchers say, teachers call on boys much more often and give them more encouragement. Boys get praised for the intellectual content of their work while girls are more likely to be praised for neatness. Research indicates that girls learn better in cooperative setting; yet most schools are based on a competitive model.” Comment.
(from *Newsweek*)
2. Think of the supplementary materials you used at your teaching practice and analyze them in the following respects: the reasons why you chose them, which skill they focused on, how they worked, and what changes/adaptations were necessary (if any). Please add any comments you find relevant.
3. “Nowadays, for the particular role English language is playing in many fields of the modern life, English teachers are always growing in number. Unfortunately, not all the teachers are prepared in the same way.” Comment.
(from *Fun Press*, the British Council, Naples)

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