

# The Study and Production of Texts

## Lesson 9

# Verbalizzazione lingua inglese 1

**You must have a pass in the following:**

1. Profs Brownlees/Samson exam
2. Sounds of English
3. The Study and Production of Texts
4. Grammar Test

**Verbalizzazione with Profs Brownlees or Samson**

Unifi → servizi online → prenota esami

10th June

26th June

11th July

9th September

# Course Survey

You are all required to answer the survey for the Texts course.

My page on Moodle -> End-of-year Survey

The information is ANONYMOUS.

It will only take 2 minutes.

Thank you!!

# Homework for today

- Write paragraph 2 on the topic of language knowledge. Inform the reader about undergraduate degree courses abroad which are taught in English. Provide examples to support your argument that this is advantageous for UK students.  
(70 words)

See next slide

# Homework for today

- pp. 55, 56: Read texts 5 and 6 on citizenship
- Do all the homework tasks on p. 56 for a discussion in class.
- See next slide



# Homework for today

The link for ex. 1 is not reliable.

Put the words below into the search facility and you will be redirected to the quiz on citizenship.

citizenship test new Guardian newspaper

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[The all-new British citizenship test – take the quiz - The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/uk/quiz/2013/jan/27/british-citizenship-test-quiz-new)

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Mar 26, 2013 - The new citizenship test for aspiring Britons, intended to place more emphasis on ..

Unlike many other news organisations, we have chosen an ...

# Writing Test 23rd May

**TWO HOURS**

**Exam starts: 09.00 OR 13.00**

Persuasive essay

Five paragraphs

400 words

Two titles: Choose **ONE**

**No dictionaries**

Results will be posted on Moodle

# Citizenship article p. 55

Discuss the questions below with a partner.

1. What points did the old citizenship test focus on?
2. Why is history important for citizenship?
3. Do you agree that it is a ‘trivia test? (line 27)
4. Do you agree with the opinion in line 42  
‘... some things are not really testable.’?

# Persuasive essays

- **Persuasive essays** promote **one perspective** throughout in order to persuade the reader of the validity of the writer's point of view.
- **Each paragraph** in the body of the essay introduces and supports an argument that, in turn, **supports the essay title**.
- Persuasive essays **never support contrasting perspectives**.

# Persuasive essay title

Students in the UK should take the opportunity to study abroad

# Read the sentences below

1. A university education is advantageous when looking for employment.
2. The cost of university in the UK is prohibitive.
3. Young people are choosing to study in other European countries.

**What is wrong with them?**

- These claims cannot be defended.
- They require modification to attenuate the certainty they propose.

Revise p. 37-39 *Modality and Hedges*

# Now compare

1. A university education is advantageous when looking for employment.

A university education **is still widely considered** to be advantageous when looking for employment.

2. The cost of university in the UK is prohibitive.

**For many**, the cost of university in the UK is prohibitive.

3. Young people are choosing to study in other European countries.

**An increasing number** of young people are choosing to study in other European countries.

# Example introduction

A university education, and subsequent degree, is still widely considered to be advantageous when looking for employment. However, in recent years for many families in the UK the cost has become prohibitive. Consequently, an increasing number of young people are choosing to study in other European countries where, amongst other factors, fees are lower. This essay will discuss three reasons to encourage people to study abroad.

(66 words)

# Paragraph 1: fees

The rise in fees is the main reason that many British school leavers are now considering studying abroad. In fact, in some parts of the UK a year's tuition alone costs £9,000. This compares very unfavourably to other European countries where the average annual tuition fees are under £1,700. Furthermore, in a number of EU states such as Denmark, universities are free. Consequently, interest in foreign degree courses is increasing.

(70 words)

## Paragraph 2: language knowledge

Although languages are not extensively taught in British schools, this should not deter students who are considering going abroad to study. In fact, many countries now offer degree courses that are taught exclusively in English. The Netherlands and Denmark are two such examples. Since few foreigners speak Dutch or Danish, offering courses in English is attractive not only for domestic students but, combined with free tuition, has also encouraged foreign students to study there. (73 words)

# Paragraph 3

Now write paragraph 3, focussing on the employment possibilities for UK students who graduate from a foreign university. (80 words)

You have  
twenty minutes

# Paragraph 3: future employment

The third reason that should encourage students from the UK to study abroad is future employment. The experience of not only living in a foreign country but also studying at university there will help to widen their horizons and should increase their job prospects once they graduate. They will have the possibility to return to the UK enriched by their experience which will be attractive to prospective employers and, if they have become proficient in the language of the country they studied in, could even decide to seek work there.

(90 words)

# Writing the conclusion

- Begin with a connector such as  
*In conclusion / To sum up / In the final analysis*
- Summarise main ideas
- Suggest implications, a possible solution, recommendations
- **Do not** include personal opinion
- **NEVER** add new ideas or new information.

# Writing the conclusion

Persuasive essay in favour of studying abroad

Title: *Students in the UK should take the opportunity to study abroad*

3 points: **cost – language knowledge – future employment**

Now write the conclusion (70 words)

**You have twenty minutes**

# Example conclusion

In conclusion, three key reasons explain the attraction of studying abroad for British students. Much cheaper tuition is an important incentive and the fact that many degree courses are taught in English means there is no language barrier. Lastly, a large number of prospective students believe that such an opportunity will also lead to greater job prospects once they graduate. The impact this phenomenon will have on the UK, however, remains to be seen. (74 words)

# Essay Checklist

**Title:** worked on vocab?

**Brainstorming:** got ideas and organised them?

**Intro:** is it general to specific? Does it indicate a persuasive essay and intentions?

**Body:** topic sentences and support for points in each paragraph?

**Conclusion:** does it reiterate key points, make recommendations?

# Persuasive Essay Checklist

**Title:** worked on vocab?

**Brainstorming:** got ideas and organised?

**Introduction:** is it general to specific? Does it indicate the points that will be developed? Is there a statement of purpose?

**Body:** is there a topic sentence and supporting evidence in each paragraph? Are there **three** clear paragraphs?

**Conclusion:** reiteration of key points, no new info. No opinion.

# Revision Work

- Revise all language work and read articles in 2nd sem dispensa
- Read articles in 1st sem dispensa again
- Go to [englishpage.com](http://englishpage.com) or [grammar-monster.com](http://grammar-monster.com) and do work on modals, conditionals and any weak areas in your grammar and vocabulary.
- Revise for grammar test using the exercises in the Grammar Test section on Moodle.

Remember to do the survey!!

Study hard  
and  
good luck!!!