

Ted Project

Ted Perspectives Writing (October2)

Ted Perspectives Writing 2

Choose one of the Projects from Unit 1-10 to complete the writing assignment for this month's Ted writing assignment. **The writing assignment details are listed at the end of each unit including examples to refer to while completing the assignment. There is a writing bank at the end of the textbook to find more examples to be referring to while completing the assignment for each unit.** The questions will help you work through the assignment. The textbook is there to guide you through the project. The diagrams, photos, infographics, questions, and texts are there to help you brainstorm your ideas for the assignment.

You may look up the actual Tedtalks listed under each of the units in the textbook. Transcript of each of the tedtalks from the unit will be provided towards the end of the textbook.

Ted Speakers

Unit 1: In Touch with Your feelings

This app knows how you feel - from the look on your face

Rana El Kaliouby

Writing: A review (choose a movie or book you know to write a review. Write a review that includes introductory sentences that give basic information about the book or movie, a short description of the plot, the good and bad things about it, your opinion and emotional response to it, a sentence that tells the reader to read or watch it)

Unit 2: Enjoy the Ride

Happy Maps

Daniele Quercia

Writing: A story (Write a story about a trip that ends with one of these three sentences)

- That was one of the worst trips of my life
- I hadn't expected to have such an exciting trip
- Getting to school had never been so complicated

Unit 3: Active Lives

How I swam the North Pole

Lewis Pugh

Writing: An opinion essay (The school has entered a competition to win modern equipment and new facilities for three sports. Decide on three sports you would like to propose and the reasons why)

Unit 4: Food

Why I'm a weekday vegetarian
Graham Hill

Writing: A social media update (choose one of the trips below, or trip you would like to take one day, and plan a social media update: a trip to a region in your country with its own special local cuisine, a visit to the house of a friend or relative where you tried a new dish, a trip abroad when you ate some interesting food)

Unit 5: Work

Why the best hire might not have the perfect resume
Regina Hartley

Writing: A cover letter (Write a cover letter for one of the jobs of your choice)

Unit 6: Superhuman

Deep sea diving... in a wheelchair
Sue Austin

Writing: An informal email describing people (Share some of your news and tell him about someone you admire)

Unit 7: Shopping Around

Grow your own clothes
Suzanne Lee

Writing: An announcement (write an announcement for something you could sell) Use one of the phrases:

1. **Bought it new and have had it for...**
2. **Comes in its original packaging and with instruction manual**
3. **Extra large box. I cannot ship. Only bids from Rome area.**
4. **Measures... in length.**
5. **Only has... small scratches/ marks...**
6. **Unfortunately, I can no longer use it because...**
7. **Will accept offers above...**

Unit 8: Effective Communication

10 ways to have a better conversation
Celeste Headlee

Writing: A complaint email

Write a complain letter requesting an exchange on the product you have bought

- **Give the reasons for your complaint**
- **A clear demand for a solution**
- **A formal opening**
- **A description of what happened**
- **A formal closing**
- **The reason for writing**
- **Details of any attachments**

Unit 9: Unexpected Entertainment

The world's most boring television... and why it's hilariously addictive

Thomas Hellum

Writing: Paragraphing

Write an email describing a place and its culture (where you live)

What are some of the cultural attractions in your area, town, or city? Which would you recommend to a visitor? Why?

Unit 10: Time

Inside the mind of a master procrastinator

Tim Urban

Writing: Using discourse markers

In your English class, you have been discussing the pros and cons of different ages to leave home. Write an essay giving your reaction to the following statement: "Young people should leave home as soon as they finish school" Write your essay. Explore pros and cons to leaving home as they finish school.