| Title: | Written exams may be phased out | Level: higher |
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| Text: | Hiroko raised the recent news topic about the ending of written exams, which is being considered by Cambridge University in the UK. | |
| | This may sound outrageous to people who have a traditional view of tests, but there are sensible reasons why this could be a good idea. | |
| | Nowadays, most of us use the keyboards on devices to record information and some find it physically difficult to write for long periods. In addition, not everyone is blessed with good motor skills that mean they can write beautifully. And, actually, is presentation more important than content? What if a person with amazing talent was overlooked simply because the appearance of their written test didn't meet conventional standards? People with unique talents might have some difficulty with standards designed for the majority | |
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| Discussion: | Should penmanship be afforded more time in class to ensure that children achieve the highest level they can? Even, should it be treated as an art subject? | |
| Words and usage: | Find This verb can be used to convey good or bad experiences. For example, 'I find curry too spicy'. Might, may These auxiliary verbs precede a main verb and describes the chance of that main verb happening as about 30% for 'might' and 50% for 'may'. | |
| Resources: | Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org | |
| Practice idea: | What about writing the advantages and disadvantages of computer based school work? | |
| Listening link: | Written exams may be phased out - audio | |
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