

School, learning, foreign languages (speaking: giving advice)

A friend of yours, who lives in France, is moving to Poland. She works for a fashion magazine and is being sent to work on the Polish edition of the magazine for a year. She intends to learn Polish while living here and she has asked you to help her choose a good school. You have done some research and here are the results – three top schools with courses in Polish as a foreign language. Read the advertisements and report on your recommendations to your friend.

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USEFUL LANGUAGE

There are three...
I'd recommend...
Why don't you...?
If you need...

The best option is...
If I were you I'd...
It depends on...

Books and literature, personality (speaking: analysing a poem)

You are a member of a poetry club. During weekly meetings you discuss various poems and topics. The next topic on your agenda is 'Personalities' and below you can find the poem your tutor has chosen for discussion at the meeting. Read the poem and prepare a short speech for the discussion. Include the following elements:

- What is the main theme?
- How could you summarise / paraphrase it?
- What is the tone and mood?
- How do you understand the poem?
- Do you agree with the speaker?

Speak for about 2 minutes.

Face – the Map of Personality

By Ryson D'souza



The Identity of a Person
Is one's own face
No one would recognize
If the face is replaced

The face Projects
The way we feel
Our hidden emotions
Is what it reveals

From Pleasure to Pain
It expresses them all
That's the Beauty of the face
Whether Big or Small

The face as its originality
Its own rationality
It displays Purity
Most of all... The face is the map of Personality

USEFUL LANGUAGE

The poem consists of / comprises... stanzas / lines.

In the first / second / third stanza / line...

The subject of the poem is...

It deals with... / treats the theme of...

The person speaking is... / seems to be...

The motif of... appears

The poet addresses... / compares...

His (main) intention is to...

The poet conveys his message to the reader / listener by...

The poet gives his opinion on... in an indirect way.

The tone in the poem is critical / ironical / melancholic / humorous / nostalgic...

Clothes, fashion, global trends (speaking: reporting on Internet search)

You like fashion, follow new trends and shop for clothes a lot. It's recently been pointed out to you that you might actually be becoming a fashion victim who cannot refrain from buying new clothes. It wasn't nice to hear and therefore you've decided to do something about it. Searching the Internet, you've found out about two global campaigns which aim at buying less and you'd like to get involved. Read the information about the campaigns and report what you know about them to your friend so that he/she can help you make a decision.

Speak for about three minutes.

#secondhandseptember

Can you remain oblivious to the fact that 11 million items of clothing end up in dustbins every week? And throwaway fashion has a huge impact on our planet! For example, it would take 13 years to drink the water required for the production of one T-shirt and a pair of jeans. It's scary, isn't it? Therefore, a charity organization called Oxfam has organised a special campaign to stop such waste. Oxfam encourages people all over the world to avoid buying new clothes for 30 days. Customers are supposed to forgo big malls in favour of second-hand or vintage shops, and even better, put away their credit cards for the entire month.

So why don't you join the action, make a public statement, hunt for nice vintage items and tag yourself on Instagram? Who knows, perhaps you will become a conscious shopper who cares more about our planet than about new clothes?

Buy Nothing Day

Have a global holiday from consumerism! Accept the challenge and don't buy anything for 24 hours. It's a detox after Black Friday when people go absolutely crazy about buying stuff (let's face it – stuff they don't really need). So you could either skip that or clear your mind the day after. Wouldn't it be great if the challenge became a lasting approach or maybe a life changing experience! Join us – make a commitment to shopping less and living more!

USEFUL LANGUAGE

I was thinking about...
 Do you think you could help me out?
 I'm not sure about...
 It seems to me that...
 What sounds easier / more challenging / socially engaged is...
 If I were to compare the two I'd say...
 Well, the first one is all about...
 The other one focuses more on...
 I'm in two minds about...