

### Task 1

Which of these statements do you think are true?

- 1 Publishing companies decide what type of materials they are going to publish years in advance.
- 2 The best way to get published is to write a complete manuscript and send it to an ELT publisher.
- 3 It is essential to have a Linguistics degree or DELTA if you want to become a writer.
- 4 Publishing companies invest heavily in market research and use the results to inform the materials they publish.
- 5 It doesn't matter if a writer delivers a manuscript after the deadline – there's always room built into schedules to accommodate this.

### Task 2

What's wrong with these rubrics?

- 1 In a recent survey, South Korea and Finland came top of the list of the best schools in the world. Look at the photos of typical lessons in those places, and describe the differences. Talk about where they are, what they are doing and how they are feeling. Say what the general atmosphere is in both pictures and give your opinion on both situations.
- 2 (For A2/B1) Describe the physical characteristics of the people in the photo.
- 3 What makes a good/bad party? Discuss the following, add your own ideas, and put them in order of importance. What is the best/worst party you've ever been to?  
*decoration food and drink furniture lighting music people a theme*
- 4 Write a profile of your own company or one that you would like to work in one day like the one above using the passive form of the simple past where appropriate. You should also think about using comparatives and superlatives to show how great your company is. If it's not a great place to work you can leave out the comparatives and superlatives. Try to include some conditional sentences too.

### Task 3

Here are three story ideas. Consider each one. Would they make a good Graded Reader? Why? Why not?

- 1 A young, inexperienced samurai, Kai, is given the job of protecting Lord Oda's beautiful young bride. When soldiers try to kidnap her, he has to save her. But as the two of them run away, they find that there is something far more dangerous than the enemy – the passion in their own hearts.
- 2 A middle-aged woman, Jane, falls in love with a younger man, Guy. He reciprocates her love, but then eventually, after a lot of agonising, goes back to his girlfriend, who is the same age as him.
- 3 Lucas and his friends have the best surfing beach in town, and they want to keep it that way. So when Jerry and his friends from the city arrive and want to use it too, it becomes a battle, for the beach, the surfing trophy – and for the beautiful Ella.

#### Task 4

Look at this list of rubrics and say which you think came from a general comprehension activity and which from a critical thinking (CT) activity.

- 1 Often a final paragraph gives a conclusion. Is that the function of the final paragraph in this text? Or does it have another function?
- 2 The author argues that money is a poor motivator. Do you agree with her? Tell your partner.
- 3 Look at these statements and say if they are true (T) or false (F) according to the text.
- 4 The author gives a detailed description of how a Camera Obscura works. Does he do this a) to explain how the results are achieved? b) so you can make one yourself? or c) to compare it with a modern camera?
- 5 Read the article and write down the events before, during and after the fire in the correct order.

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