

C1 – COLLABORATIVE WRITING

EXPERIENCING BLINDNESS



INSTRUCTIONS

Work in groups. (Number depending on size of class.)

Study the vocabulary before you begin.

You can use your 'wordreference' app or similar.

- IMAGINE YOU WOKE UP ONE MORNING AND FOUND THAT YOU WERE BLIND.
- DESCRIBE YOUR EFFORTS TO MOVE AROUND A HOUSE WITH TWO FLOORS.

BEGIN WITH:

"I was on the verge of panic. I sat up slowly and swung my feet onto the floor, knocking over..."

- YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES TO START THE DESCRIPTION IN YOUR GROUPS. WRITE A FEW SENTENCES ON A SHEET OF PAPER, USING SOME OF ITEMS MENTIONED BELOW.
- PASS THE SHEETS ROUND EVERY FIVE MINUTES UNTIL EACH GROUP HAS WRITTEN ON EVERY SHEET.

1. USE PARTICIPLE CLAUSES

Eg. There being.../There being no.../Thinking.../Having + past participle/Preposition + -ing

2. USE EXPRESSIONS FROM THESE TWO SETS: words referring to ways of walking and ways of falling/colliding with objects.

WALK	FALL/COLLIDE WITH
walk with arms outstretched, shuffle, stagger, stumble, creep, pick one's way over/round..., edge one's way (round, along, through)..., step (over, round)..., to feel one's way, to inch forwards/sideways/along...	trip, slip, tumble down, fall flat on my face/back, bump into, crash into, brush past, knock over, upset, spill, hit sth with my (part of body), strike, whack my (part of body) on the (object)

3. Linking expressions from the list below:

I was on the verge of...	I suppose I could have...
Of course, it was only natural that I should...	It occurred to me that...
Just as I was about to...	So I tried + -ing
Try as I might, I...	By the time I had,...
Clearly I wasn't going to...	Just then...
I might as well have + past participle...	In my imagination...

FINAL STEP: READ OUT DESCRIPTIONS TO THE WHOLE CLASS

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