Inside Writing Competition: Task C

Level: 4 (Advanced)
Content area: Film studies
Genre: Proposal

Writing skills practiced in this task:

- Writing a synopsis

Language checklist for this task:

- I used target vocabulary from the Academic Word List in my synopsis.
- I used the present tense.
- I used gerund and infinitive verb forms correctly.
- I used infinitives to express purpose.

Your task

Task C: Write a movie synopsis

Write a synopsis for a movie proposal. Include a title and brief description of what your movie is about. The synopsis must be for a new movie proposal, one that you made up.

Write no more than 250 words. Include at least one word from the Academic Word List.
Teacher’s notes

This task is adapted from Inside Writing Level 4, Unit 3: A Powerful Force.

You can find the unit assignment that this task is adapted from on page 43 of the unit. Note that while the task in the unit is a collaborative activity, the competition task requires students to write independently, so you will need to adjust the activity accordingly. You may also find it helpful to refer to the “Writing a Synopsis” skill box on page 42.

About the task

- There is a word limit of 250 words.
- Entries must be written by one student, not students working together in pairs or groups.
- The entry must include vocabulary from the Academic Word List. You will be asked to list the AWL words that are included in the entry separately, so it is a good idea to ask your students to highlight or list the AWL words they use in their writing as part of the assignment.
- The entry should demonstrate the writing skills that are practiced in the task. It should also attempt to meet the language checklist for the task.
- Creativity is more important than accuracy! The judging panel will be looking for content that is interesting and creative, over and above the correct use of grammatical structures.

Submitting your entry

- Go to www.oup.com/elt/insidewritingcompetition to enter.
- Students must be at least 18 years old to enter the competition.
- Only one entry is allowed per student.
- Entries must be submitted via the online submission form. The writing task must be entered directly into the submission form. We will not accept entries submitted by email, as document attachments, or paper entries.
- Entries may be submitted by either teachers or students. Only one entry can be submitted at a time.
- You may enter the competition on behalf of your student(s) with their permission. As the teacher, you may submit up to three entries per task for our consideration.
- The online submission form requires teacher contact details, so you will need to give your students permission to enter your contact details if they submit their own entries. We will always contact the teacher in the first instance.
- If you have any questions about the competition, you can contact us at insidewriting@oup.com. Please do not email your entry.