

## Level 1 Functional skills learning ideas

Hi guys, hope everyone is doing ok! You might want to have a go at some of these activities:

Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmqj2nb> , there's some fantastic videos/hints and tips on punctuation, letter layout, using formal language and lots more in the Learn the basics sections, and also lots on how to apply your English at work.

Visit

[https://www.skillsworkshop.org/english?q=english&f%5B0%5D=subjects\\_english\\_level%3A46&f%5B1%5D=subjects\\_english\\_level%3A55](https://www.skillsworkshop.org/english?q=english&f%5B0%5D=subjects_english_level%3A46&f%5B1%5D=subjects_english_level%3A55) and look at the worksheet 'It's Not all Bad,' you'll need to click on the link to read the actual article. Any of the activities on the page will be good, the one called 'Comparing texts' is nice, for example. Please feel free to email your answers to anything you choose to do. Sometimes it's worth changing the level to EL3 as some of the work is quite tricky! Skillsworkshop.org is a fantastic all round resource.

Buy a newspaper/look at an article online – highlight any unknown words, look them up on your phone or, even better, use a dictionary. Sum the article up in a paragraph, say whether you enjoyed reading it and why. Extension: see if you can work out if it is biased towards anyone/anything and explain why. Feel free to email me your paragraph.

Watch TV adverts and chat with someone else about techniques the advertisers have used to be persuasive. Alternatively find adverts in magazines and explain to someone else why they're persuasive. Remember the power of three, emotive language, facts and figures, rhetorical questions.

Write a formal letter applying for a job – real or imagined – you could look in a local newspaper in job adverts section. Use the information on the either website to support you with language choice, and also remember you can right click you mouse to get synonyms (alternative words).

If you need specific help in an area please let me know and I will do my best to support you with PowerPoints and worksheets.

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Take care, stay safe