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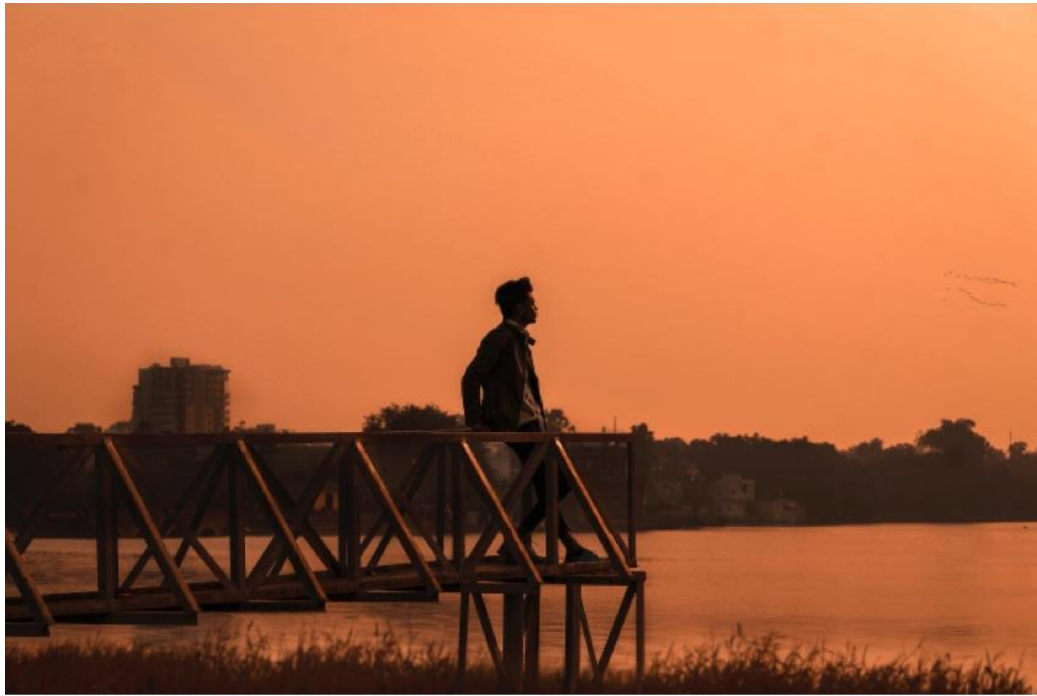


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Photos of AI art by Tobitheartist

Vocabulary

| <i>Word</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Synonym</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| prestigious | inspiring respect and admiration; having high status | distinguished, eminent |
| grapple | to fight, especially in order to win something | |
| surge | a sudden and great increase | wave |
| nestle | to be in, or put something in, a protected position, with bigger things around it | lodge |
| tranquil | calm and peaceful and without noise, violence, worry | quiet, peaceful, serene, calm |
| facade | a false appearance that makes someone or something seem more pleasant or better than they really are | surface |
| halt | to (cause to) stop moving or doing something or happening | suspend, stall, stop |
| profound | felt or experienced very strongly or in an extreme way | intense, fierce |
| hefty | large in amount, size, force | big, large, enormous |
| imperative | extremely important or urgent | important |
| nurture | to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something, especially young children or plants, and help him/her, or it to develop | care for, look after, tend |
| convenient | suitable for your purposes and needs and causing the least difficulty | here: easily |
| fusion | an occasion when two or more things join or are combined | convergence |
| NFT | abbreviation for non-fungible token: a unique unit of data (= the only one existing of its type) that links to a particular piece of digital art, music, video, etc. and that can be bought and sold | |
| enhance | to improve the quality, amount, or strength of something | improve, enrich |
| authenticity | the quality of being real or true | actuality |

Sources: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org> and <https://www.merriam-webster.com>

Content questions

India: the coaching capital of Kota

1. How many students go to Kota every year to be coached?
2. How many students have committed suicide so far in 2023?
3. Why are so many students committing suicide according to Doctor Sharma?
4. What is being done to try and prevent these suicides from happening?
5. What does Doctor Sharma recommend in order to relieve some of the pressure the students feel?

The US: refusing Wally the pet entry to a baseball game

6. What type of pet is Wally and why do you think he was refused entry?
7. How did Joie Henney come to have Wally as a pet?
8. What made Joie think Wally would be allowed in?

The Vatican: Pope Francis speaks

9. How does Pope Francis' motivate the blessing of same-sex couples?
10. Why might this be considered a double standard?

Music clip

11. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The artists call themselves the Pahnji Gang. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. They are from India. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. They are a brother and sister duo in their thirties. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. They rap about important issues such as sexual violence and child labour. TRUE/FALSE

Nigeria: blending art and technology

12. What is an NFT and what does the letters stand for?
13. Which ethical questions does Anthonieta bring up?
14. How does Nnamdi and Tobi think their audience will perceive AI-generated content?

Language points

How well do you know your word classes? There are four major word classes in English: verb, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Other word classes include prepositions, pronouns, determiners, conjunctions and interjections. Starting with one of the major word classes, the verbs, circle the verb(s) you find in the sentences below. Then write the verb(s) in the infinitive, as in the example below. You'll get bonus points if you can list the tense used in the sentence. Once you have found the verbs in all the sentences, write your own definition of what a verb is.

(If you need help with the verb conjugation and tense, you can visit this site, choose English, and ask it to conjugate the verb: <https://www.wordreference.com>.)

The city of Kota in northern India **is** famous for its exam-preparation industry.

Is (present, third person singular). Verb: to be.

15. Many of these kids are from lower middle-class backgrounds.
16. The high fees created immense pressure.
17. He had taken Wally to baseball games before.
18. The official position of the Roman Catholic Church has remained unclear.
19. A new generation of artists in Nigeria are experimenting with artificial intelligence.
20. I usually will use AI art for references.
21. A verb is:

Discussion points

Academic pressure

In today's program we heard about the immense academic pressure students in India are under in order to get into the right schools. Getting into the right schools can mean a world of difference in terms of students' future careers and way of life. Adding to the pressure is the financial burden the students' families have taken on in order to be able to send them to coaching classes. In Sweden, education is free, but the situation with gate-keeping tests still applies for some schools and certain programs. One such gate-keeping test is the national test students in Sweden sit in several subjects, both in secondary school, which can determine their entry into upper secondary school, and in upper secondary school, which can determine their entry into higher education and university.

- How do you feel about the situation in Kota? How do you think you would handle both the academic and financial pressure involved?
- How do you feel about the national tests? Are they necessary? If we did not have national tests, how would we determine who enters into the most prestigious schools? Do you have any other suggestions of how students could be ranked?
- How do you feel about coaching classes? Coaching classes can be found in Sweden as well, where you can be coached in order to get a high mark, in for instance the Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test (högskoleprovet), and there are courses to prepare for the Cambridge English Proficiency Exam and the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL). For some of these coaching classes there is a cost involved, while others can sometimes be included in the eligible courses at upper secondary. How do you think coaching for these tests effects the outcome? Is it possible for anyone to pass or get a high mark?
- In order to get into some of the more prestigious programs at university in Sweden, such as the medical program or legal program, you will need to have a spotless record and the highest mark in all subjects. What kind of sacrifices would that require? Would you be willing to make those sacrifices?

Artificial intelligence (AI)

In Nigeria, artists are experimenting by incorporating AI into their artwork. AI can be used for a range of different things when it comes to art, such as a referencing tool, but it can also generate visual artwork from scratch if given a prompt. AI can be used in a range of other areas, such as in the health sector, in finance and in construction among many other things.

- If prompted, AI will use material that it finds online, perhaps belonging to other works of art, in order to create a new piece of art. Can we still say that the new piece of art generated is original?
- Putting aside how AI collects material for a piece of art, if all it takes is a simple prompt from any human being, who does the artwork really belong to?
- Do you think there would be a chance that a similar piece of art would be created if someone else used the same prompt?
- How well would you trust AI to handle your health? Finances? Transportation? Do you see any risks involved in using too much AI in our society? Is there an area in which you would like to see more AI used? Is there an area in which you would **not** like AI to be used?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the second photo on page 1: Sticking to English, work on your own, in pairs or in a group of three. Use a website that supplies creative commons images that are royalty free, such as:

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- Choose an image that has the license Public Domain Dedication (CC0) or Noncommercial.
- Be creative and alter the image so that it becomes something new, a fusion between two pieces of art.
- Print and display your artwork in the classroom, much like the second photo on page 1.
- Take turns viewing your classmates' artwork and explaining your artwork, what it was like before and how you have added to it. Remember to abide by the creative commons license and to not alter or spread images without the creator's consent.

KEY

1. Approximately 150 000 students go to Kota each year to be coached.
2. So far 27 students have committed suicide, which is the highest number ever recorded.
3. Doctor Sharma believes the main reasons are the academic pressure combined with the pressure of family expectations.
4. In August, the district administration temporarily halted testing the students at testing centres for two months. Additionally, Kota Police launched an initiative to identify distressed students and to provide them with support, counselling and medical assistance.
5. To change the system so that students do not need to pay for the entire year of coaching up front, but instead pay a quarterly fee. That way students can discontinue their education without the financial pressure.
6. Wally is an alligator and was probably denied entry due to the fact that he is carnivorous and could potentially hurt someone.
7. Joie Henney got Wally as an emotional support animal when he was undergoing chemotherapy.
8. Joie thought Wally would be allowed in as he never shows aggression and also because he has been allowed to enter games before.
9. Pope Francis says that the church should not only judge, deny, reject and exclude.
10. The double standard is that the church still views same-sex relationships as "objectively sinful".
11.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. FALSE
 - c. FALSE
 - d. TRUE
12. NFT stands for 'Non-fungible token' and is a digital identifier used to show authenticity and ownership of a digital asset, for instance a digital piece of artwork.
13. It brings up questions about copyright, authorship and originality.
14. Tobi thinks people in general are positive towards it and that only artists have reservations. Nnamdi thinks most are positive since using AI makes people realize that they can become artists too.
15. Are (present, third person plural). The verb: to be.
16. Created (simple past). The verb: to create.
17. Had taken (past perfect). The verb: to take.
18. Has remained (present perfect, third person singular). The verb: to remain.
19. Are experimenting (present continuous). The verb: to experiment
20. Will use (future). The verb: to use.
21. A verb is a word that describes an action, condition, or experience.
(<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/verb>)