

# Welcome to Mrs. Slicker's Class

## AICE English Language - 9093

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### Classroom Expectations

- BE ON TIME
- BE PREPARED
- BE POLITE
- BE POSITIVE
- BE FLEXIBLE
- NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM
- NO CELL PHONE USE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM

### Required Materials

It is recommended that students have access to a computer with Internet and a printer at home. In addition, you will need the following materials for this class:

- 2/3-subject spiral notebook
- pocket folder
- highlighters (4-5 colors)
- pens & #2 pencils

### Course Description

Cambridge International AS Level English Language provides students with opportunities to make critical and informed responses to a wide range of texts. Students will also demonstrate their ability to produce writing to specific briefs and for given audiences. Students will also develop a strong foundation in the study of linguistics, focusing on language change, child language acquisition, spoken language, English in the world, and language and the self. Students will develop the following skills and understanding: 1) sustaining accurate, fluent and consistent writing 2) producing informed responses appropriate to the specified form, style, context, and audiences 3) conveying knowledge and understanding from both specific examples and wider studies.

### **The aims of the Cambridge International AS Level English Language course are to:**

- enjoy the experience of studying English language
- develop a critical and informed response to texts in a range of forms, styles and contexts, produced for a variety of audiences
- communicate effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately in their writing
- develop the interdependent skills of reading, analysis and research
- develop an appreciation of concepts and techniques in the study of English language
- build a firm foundation for further study of language and linguistics.

### Assessment Objectives

AO1: Read and demonstrate understanding of a wide variety of texts.

AO2: Write effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately, for a range of audiences and purposes.

AO3: Analyze the ways in which writers' and speakers' choices of form, structure and language produce meaning and style.

### **Benefits of Taking AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) Courses**

- AICE teachers are trained and certified directly by Cambridge. This course strictly follows a course syllabus that is designed by Cambridge professors.
- AICE students are eligible for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship.
- The State of Florida Universities and the Bright Futures Scholarship Program each award one extra quality point for students who successfully complete an AICE course with a "C" or better.

### **Grading Policy**

Grades are calculated using a total points system. Your grade will be determined by how many points you have earned out of the total possible points. All assignments are considered late if not turned in on the due date.

Failure to use your time wisely will not result in an extension of the assignment due date. Assignments that are received late (not due to absences) will be penalized one letter grade:  
1 day late=highest possible grade is 89%  
2 days late=highest possible grade is 79%  
3 or more days late=no credit

Students who are concerned with their progress should check FOCUS regularly for the most up-to-date grade information.

### **Absences**

Students will have two days for each day missed from school to complete make-up work for **excused** absences. In the case of **unexcused** absences, **30%** will be deducted from the earned grade for make-up work. All absences are considered unexcused until the school receives a written note or phone call from the student's parent or guardian. Students who are absent from school can still access their assignments and turn in on Canvas/Google Classroom.

### **Exam Policy**

Students will be required to take an exam at the end of each semester. The semester grade, including the weighting of the exam grade, will be calculated using the Charlotte County School District's Grade Matrix.

### **Cell Phone Policy**

Students are not allowed to use their cell phones at any time during class without specific permission from the teacher. Students are expected to place their cell phones in the designated area at the start of class. Students may not get up during the class period to check their phones. Students who are unable to comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Student Resources Available from Home**

All of the online resources used in class are available online from home. To access these resources, please visit [www.lemonbayhigh.com](http://www.lemonbayhigh.com). Scroll down to the "ClassLink" icon at the bottom of the page. Then log in to ClassLink with the same username and password used at school.