

TEACHERS' CLUB
Zina Pittrová, October 6, 2006

The aim of the first session was to find out the needs and expectations of the participants, as well as to get to know each other.

1. INTRO - THE AIMS OF THE CLUB, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN CENTER, THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The participants were acquainted with the aims of the Teachers' Club - improving their language skills, getting to know some useful information about the English-speaking countries, and possibly sharing their knowledge and experience as teachers.

The lecturers were introduced to them and Mrs Benešová informed the participants of the aims and activities of the American Center.

Subsequently, each participant was asked to fill in a questionnaire. In the questionnaire, the participants chose some possible topics to be covered during the next sessions, and expressed their expectations from the Club, etc.

2. GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW TEACHERS

In this find-out activity, the participants were given a worksheet with the following columns: name, e-mail address, town/village, school/job, hobbies, how long/teach English. Their task was to ask all the other participants appropriate questions in order to fill in the chart. Obviously, the aim was not only to practise asking questions and reading e-mail addresses, but especially to get to know the other participants and to practise speaking.

3. EXPRESSING OPINION - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (MEN VERSUS WOMEN - GENDER DIFFERENCES, ETC.)

In groups, the participants expressed their opinions on the statements (e.g. Men are better drivers than women. Women need to talk more than men. Women are inefficient in the business world because they tend to be too emotional. Men and women can do most jobs equally well. + Consider male vs. female teachers as well: possible differences in the way they teach, the respect they get, their working and living conditions, etc.).

The objective was to provide the participants with some controversial statements in order to generate spontaneous discussion, share opinions and examine some stereotypes.

TEACHERS' CLUB
Gabriela Klečková, October 20, 2006

Elections – vocabulary, work in groups on electoral program for educational system and its presentation.

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Gabriela Klečková, November 10, 2006

The American illustrator Norman Rockwel – exhibition of his work; discussion, vocabulary for picture description.

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Andrea Kubešová, November 24, 2006

'Casino Royale' launch – a new James Bond movie

Plan of the session:

- 1 James Bond quiz
- 2 Work with a text from the JB story 'Casino Royale' - arranging paragraphs, putting in direct speeches
- 3 Participants were asked to :
 - plan a plot for their own JB story
 - give descriptions of their characters' features
 - create one scene from their story--> they could take part in a competition organized by the Macmillan Publishing
- 4 Ian Fleming – an article about the author – home reading

TEACHERS' CLUB
Martina Popadučková, December 8, 2006