

# Teaching Writing within ELT

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# Teaching Writing and Reading: why am I interested?

- EAP
- Academic background
- MA and PhD
- CELTA and Postgrad Cert in TEAP
- Literary translation
- TESOL/ TEAP



# EXTENDED ESSAY

- Essay: A genre related to its more complex 'sister' genres within academic disciplines, viz. the dissertation or thesis
- In EAP, students are shown how to write essays and theses
- EGAP and ESAP
- Preparing students for university study in chosen disciplines
- Academic writing: based on extensive and intensive reading

Process approaches  
and genre-based  
approaches

Integrative  
manner

Self-devised  
materials and course  
book materials

# PROPOSED METHODOLOGY FOR TEACHING WRITING

Former  
students'  
competent  
essays

Study and analyze  
generic exemplars

Assist students in  
producing  
scaffolded,  
independent  
writing

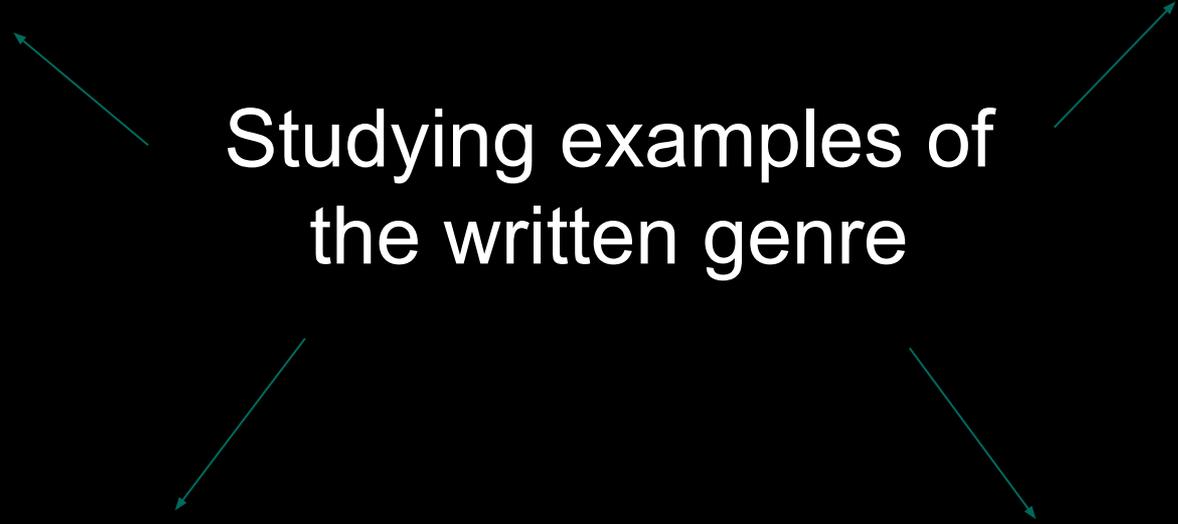
Students' research  
interests and specialisms

Expose students to  
competent exemplars

# Studying examples of the written genre

Target situation  
needs of students

Authentic models



# Rationale

- "Teachers, institutions, and students all recognize the importance of learning to write from reading input of various types" (Grabe and Zhang: 2013:10)
- "Academic tasks that required a combination of reading and writing skills [are] critical for academic success" (ibid)
- My own theses (business studies, translation topics): it was very useful to study other theses on similar subjects
- General English: In *English File*, writing sections start by analyzing genre exemplars of reports, letters, emails, etc.
- EGAP course books also use this integrated method.

# Genre-based approach followed by process approach in English classes

analyze genre exemplars



scaffolded process of writing



summarize and synthesize genre exemplars (PW or GW)

write shorter paragraphs of their own critical reaction



present key ideas



write their own longer pieces



idea generation, drafting, revising, acting on peer and teacher feedback.

# STUDENTS' RESPONSE

- Logical
- helpful
- confidence-building

