

## Appendix A – Prompts for graded reader commentaries

1. Discuss at least one conflict in the story and how it was resolved or not resolved?
2. What was the most significant moment in your book and why?
3. Write a short play that tells what happens after the end of the book?
4. What was the main meaning/moral/point of the story? Give examples from the text to support your ideas.
5. Write a letter from one character in your story to another character, and that character's response.
6. Write an alternative ending to your book.

## Appendix B- Attitudes towards portfolio in B2 Level based on Evaluation given November 21, 2005.

### *How do you feel about your portfolio homework?*

#### Student Responses:

##### Usefulness/Importance:

P = 11 Neut. = 0 N = 8

'they are very difficult **but I am sure they are very useful**' – Positive/Negative

'always too much and not useful' – Negative

'**it is important, but it takes a long time**' – Positive/Negative

'necessary and difficult, but to type difficult' – Positive/Negative

'**it's the most important part of the prep-education. Also, it's the most useful one**' – Positive

'**It is very good for me. Portfolio help me to improve my English.**' – Positive

'It is unnecessary. We don't like it.' – Negative

'**Reading improves my English and also newspaper hw.** But newspaper hw takes too much time to understand. I don't want to do news's summary. I would prefer two reader than doing a news paper hw. Just after summarizing news, it goes away from my mind. I learn more by reading books.' – Negative/Positive

'**I think it is good for us. It helps us for improving English.** But I don't want to oral in my portfolio, because when we speak in front of the board nobody listens to us.' – Positive/Negative

'**It is necessary for improving my English. It is not bad.**' – Positive

'**According to me it is usefull for us I don't find it too much. It is good.**' – Positive

'It is necessary but so hard. It takes a very long time so I can not study vocabulary' – Positive/Negative

'**They are benefit for me, If there is not portfolio, I don't study like I study now**' – Positive

##### Enjoy lessons/homework:

P = 5 Neut. = 0 N = 4

'interesting' – Positive

'**I like preparing portfolio homework,** but I don't like oral participation' – Positive/Negative

'**While I was doing my first portfolio I was confused. Now, I am interested in portfolio while I am doing it.**' – Positive/Negative

'**I like my portfolio homework,** but sometimes I don't find good books for reading in the library and I don't like oral in portfolio hours' – Positive/Negative

'**I like reading, essays** but presentation/oral is very scared of me. I think it is the most hard part of learning English' – Positive/Negative

'**I like doing it**' – Positive

##### Hard to type:

P = 2 Neut. = 0 N = 2

'There are good but a few of us haven't got a computer. It is hard to type and finding newspaper is hard.' – Positive/Negative

'necessary and difficult, but to type difficult' – Positive/Negative

##### Sometimes too difficult:

P = 1 Neut. = 0 N = 10

'sometimes too difficult' (X 6) – Negative

'**...but for my English I must do that.**' – Negative/Positive

'...Summary of the newspaper article is the most difficult one.' – Negative

'hard to prepare' – Negative

'It's very difficult but if we read book two week' – Negative

Boring:

P = 1 Neut. = 0 N = 3

'It is very boring that makes me very very boring' – Negative (X 2)

'I think, I improved my English by doing my portfolio homework but it is sometimes boring because of getting mark.' – Negative/Positive

Amount:

P = 1 Neut. = 0 N = 5

'always too much' (X4)– Negative

'...and not useful' – Negative

'... but not difficult' – Positive

'sometimes too much'

Dislike:

P = 3 Neut. = 0 N = 7

'I don't like it. Only I like read a book and newspaper.' – Negative/Positive

'I hate.' – Negative

'It makes me panic, stressful.' – Negative

'It is unnecessary. We don't like it.' – Negative

'I don't like it but if it is not I can't improve my English.' – Negative/ Positive

'I don't like to do to prepare it is really hard to me' – Negative

'At first, I've been enjoyed it when I did. But, now it's boring and I am not enthusiastic' – Negative/Positive

Self-criticism:

P = 0 Neut. = 0 N = 1

'I think my portfolio homeworks are insufficient.' – Negative

<b>Total tally of type of response:</b>	<b>Positive = 23</b>	<b>Neutral = 0</b>	<b>Negative = 40</b>
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**\*\*Even if students dislike their portfolio assignments many understand the importance of it and most take it seriously. Some even enjoy portfolio.**