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An international approach

Exam Workbook for IGCSE English as a Second Language

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Note-making

You will need the student book for this exercise.

Read *the extract from The Arrangers of Marriage* on pages 36–38 in the student book.

What does Chinaza find strange about her first morning in New York compared to her life in Nigeria?

- ▶ Under the heading **New York** list the things that she notices.

New York
noise
fishy smell
continue the list
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- ▶ Now do the same for Nigeria.

Summary

- ▶ Using your notes from the Note-making exercise, imagine you are Chinaza and write two paragraphs, one *My first impressions of New York*, and the other *What I miss from Nigeria*.

My first impressions of New York

What I miss from Nigeria

Informal writing: a cautionary tale

The Monkey Who Would Be King is a cautionary tale. It warns us about the folly of boasting, or claiming that we can do things that are actually beyond us. Like the monkey we can appear very foolish when we what we say doesn't match what we can actually do.

- ▶ Write a modern cautionary tale to show the folly of someone whose actions cannot match their words.

Tips

Keep your story simple – a boy who boasts to his school friends that he can do something (drive a car or climb a tree, perhaps) with disastrous results.

Think of words that will help contrast what happens and what was supposed to happen (look again at *The Monkey Who Would Be King* for ideas and examples).



Formal writing: a letter

Your school council has held a meeting to discuss better facilities for children and young people in your area. At that meeting all agreed that there is not enough for them to do, especially in the evenings, and that there is a clear link between that and the amount of petty crime and antisocial behaviour in the area.

Suggestions included:

- making school playing fields available at set times for supervised leisure activities
 - organizing a monthly disco using the school hall
 - developing all-age evening classes for extended learning and the pursuit of hobbies
 - establishing a toddler playgroup
 - opening a 'drop-in centre' for mothers with young children
 - appointing a local Youth Officer to coordinate and oversee arrangements.
- You have been appointed by your school council to write to your local government representatives about the problem. Using some or all of the above and including ideas of your own, write that letter.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Yours faithfully

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