

Learning Situation

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE



Competencies

- C1-Interacts orally in English
- C2-Reinvests understanding of texts
- C3-Writes and produces texts

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SITUATION:

You are a journalism student in university and you have started a blog in which you discuss different topics related to your chosen career.

After reading about the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace, write a blog entry about any example of this societal problem.

THIS LEARNING SITUATION HAS THREE (3) TASKS FOR YOU TO COMPLETE:

TASK 1: Harassment in the workplace: enough is enough!

In this task, you will read a few news articles about sexual harassment at work, select one and take notes on it in the graphic organizer. Then discuss the facts as well as your opinions with a partner or else with your teacher.

TASK 2: Blogs vs. articles

In this task, you will read a few blogs about this issue, taking notes on the differences between blogs and articles which have been written about the issue.

TASK 3: What do you think about harassment?

In this task, you will write a blog entry about any example of sexual harassment in the workplace.

Harvey Weinstein was a powerful Hollywood producer who sexually assaulted female actors; Jian Ghomeshi was a popular CBC radio interviewer who was accused of inappropriate sexual behaviour with his coworkers. This learning situation deals with an issue that is omnipresent in the media these days and which represents a major problem in society, particularly for women: sexual harassment at work.

TASK I: Harassment in the workplace: enough is enough!

You are a journalism student in university and you have started a blog in which you discuss different topics related to your chosen career. Recently you have learned about various cases of sexual harassment in the journalism industry.

After reading a few of the following news articles, select one and take notes on it in the graphic organizer. Then discuss the facts as well as your opinions with a partner or else with your teacher.

Matt Lauer, fired Today Show co-host, apologizes in wake of sexual harassment allegations
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/entertainment/matt-lauer-apology-1.4426064>



Revisiting sexual harassment of female sports reporters and media members
<https://www.si.com/tech-media/2017/11/26/female-sports-reporters-sexual-harassment-media-circus>



Hydro One employee fired after FHRITP heckling of CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/trending/hydro-one-employee-fired-after-fhritp-heckling-of-citynews-reporter-shauna-hunt-1.3070948>



Select one article and take notes on it in the graphic organizer.

Work environment where harassment occurred:	
Main people involved	
Context (setting)	
Chronology of events	
Additional background information	
Surprising (or disturbing) elements in the story	
Quotes	
Conclusion	
Your opinions	

Using these notes, discuss the details of these troubling situations with your partner (or with your teacher) as well as how you feel about the issue of sexual harassment of female journalists.

TASK 2: Blogs vs. articles

Now, prepare to write a blog entry about sexual harassment in the workplace (not necessarily in the news industry).

Before writing your own blog post, you decide to read a few blogs about this issue, taking notes on the differences between blogs and articles which have been written about the issue. You may use one of the articles above and compare it to one of the following blogs.

BLOGS:

SOCIETY INSURANCE

<https://blog.societyinsurance.com/sexual-harassment-workplace/>



CULTURE AMP

<https://blog.cultureamp.com/why-dont-people-report-sexual-harassment>



PSYCHOLOGY TODAY

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/family-secrets/201709/sexual-harassment-in-the-workplace>



Article vs. blog	Article title:	Blog title:
Focus of text (specific events or general issues)		
Style: (formal, informal)		
Tone: (objective, subjective, serious, sarcastic, etc...)		
Main points of text		
Other details: (quotes, etc.)		
Conclusion		

TASK 3: What do you think about harassment?

Now take notes to write your own blog entry, (150 to 250 words), about any example of sexual harassment in the workplace. Look up any news reports on sexual harassment in recent years. Take down details of the events, organize your own opinions (supported by facts, quotes by other people, etc...) as well as possible measures to reduce risk of harassment in the future.

Before you get started, take a look at this explanation of how to write an effective blog:
<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/how-write-a-good-blog>

Here are a few news stories about workplace sexual harassment incidents, although you may of course search for other examples:

Haevey Weinstein scandal : Who has accused hin of what?

<http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-41580010>



Third Canadian politician resigns amid sexual misconduct allegations

https://news.vice.com/en_ca/article/gyw7a3/third-canadian-politician-resigns-amid-sexual-misconduct-allegations



Supermodel Kate Upton vindicated as Guess sex harassment probe claims co-founder

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2018/06/12/guess-co-founder-paul-marciano-quits-after-sex-harassment-probe/696606002/>



Ken Friedman, Power Restaurateur, Is Accused of Sexual Harassment

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/12/dining/ken-friedman-sexual-harassment.html>



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