Course Description

The course has the following aims:

1. To review research which has investigated task-based language learning
2. To examine pedagogical proposals for a task-based approach to teaching English as a foreign language
3. To provide an opportunity for the participants in the seminar to design and evaluate their own task

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Assignment

Design ONE task suitable for a group of students you are currently teaching or have taught in the past and write a rationale for the design features and implementation options.

In your written paper include:

- A brief introduction giving the rationale for task-based language teaching
- A description of instructional setting the task is designed for
- A description of the task (you should include the task workplan as an appendix to your paper)
- A description of how you will implement the task with the students
- A rationale for the design features of the task and the implementation options you have chosen (you will need to make reference to relevant literature)
- A conclusion in which you explain how you would evaluate the effectiveness of the task if you were to teach it

Length: 1500 words

Date due:

Grading

The assignment will be graded as Pass or Fail.
**Schedule**

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**Additional reading**