

## Academic English make-up assignment

This assignment is to make up for 10 Oct. 2014 due to the **고연전**. This is a group project, and thus, a group grade. You should form groups of 4-6 people for this assignment. This will be done on your own time, outside of class. Your group will chose one of the following issues, and discuss this as a group. You will then write an informal paper or report, summarizing your group's views on the topic. Each group will send me one paper for the whole group.

Topics:

1. Mars colonization. Will Mars be colonized within our lifetime? What are the obstacles to colonizing Mars? How could these be overcome? (E.g.: radiation, low gravity, oxygen / atmosphere, water, returning to Earth...)
2. Gay marriage. Gay marriage is becoming increasingly common and legal in Western countries, including more states in the US. Should gay marriage be allowed and fully accepted in Korea? (Here, 'gay' abbreviates for LGBT – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender.)

If everyone in the group has the same or similar opinion, then each person can write about aspect of the issue. If your group is divided in its opinion, then the members of both sides can present their opinions on particular aspects.)

Requirements:

- Each person must contribute equally to the discussion and write-up. If group members have differing views, then your report should indicate which members hold a particular opinion (e.g., Person A believes X, Person B believes Y...).
- You may need to find some information on your own. But your group needs to express the ideas in your own words.
- Your group needs to consider and address potential objections to your views. Try to defend your opinions with evidence or support for your views.
- Length: At least 2 full pages, single-spaced; due 30 Nov. by email.

If you find these topics are a bit broad and hard to cover in the allotted time, then you can narrow your topic (e.g., you could focus on just the problems of radiation on Mars; or just constitutional arguments regarding #2).

Your arguments should be intelligent and academically valid arguments or positions. Especially for #2, beware of religious or emotionalistic arguments that lack academic credibility or that would not speak to intelligent, well educated listeners.