CÔTE D'IVOIRE – ÉCOLE NUMÉRIQUE



FAR AHEAD T^{le} (UNIT7)

WRITING

UNIT 7: INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Session4: Writing

Learning context:

During an English test, the students of T^{leA1} of 'Lycée Moderne de Touba' are asked to produce an argumentative essay on the extinction of some languages. The best production will be published in the school English Club Magazine.

Writing strategy:

- Paragraph 1: Introduction: stating your position
- Paragraph 2: reason 1 for supporting your view
- Paragraph 3: reason 2 for supporting your view
- Paragraph 4: a few points supporting the opposite opinion and reason 3 for supporting your view
- Paragraph 5: Conclusion: restating your position

<u>Activity 1</u>: Read the essay on page 88 (<u>FAR AHEAD</u> T^{le}) then answer the questions below.

- 1) Which paragraphs support the writer's opinion?
- 2) Which paragraph presents the opposite opinion?
- 3) What paragraph linkers are used?
- 4) Which words / phrases in paragraphs 2-4 introduce reasons, examples and consequences?

Activity 2: COMMUNICATION

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Children should not be prevented from speaking their mother tongue at school, it should be included in a smooth learning process, instead." Use reasons and examples to explain your point of view.

(25 lines maximum)

You could start your introduction the following way:

For many children in school in rural areas, sudden shift from their mother tongue to French is a major issue.

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