

Tentative Syllabus for Freshman English: Class B, Spring 2006

Instructor: Yang Ming-tu

Hours: Wednesday 10:10-12:00 Noon: Friday 8:00—10:00

Course Objective: To familiarize students with English and American cultures and languages, to increase their English vocabulary, and to improve their reading comprehensibility.

Textbook: Neil J. Anderson, *Active: Skills for Reading*, Thomson Heinle, 2003

Grading: Quizzes 20%; Mid-term 40%; Final 40%

Week 1: Sporting Achievements: The Golden Boy of Soccer

Week 2: Sporting Achievements: Like Father, Like Son

Week 3: Home Sweet Home A good Read: What Exactly is a Short Story ? (Unit 8)

Week 4: An Interview with J.K. Rowling (Unit 8)

Week 5: A New Generation of Thinking: Emotional Intelligence (Unit 9)

Week 6: Left Brains, Right Brains, and Board Games (Unit 9)

Week 7: Beyond Planet Earth: Near-Earth Objects: Monsters of Doom? (Unit 11)

Week 8: Science Movie

Week 9: Wahnted Mars...Dead or Alive (Unite 11)

Week 10: Quiz 1

Week 11: Mid-term

Week 12: Energy for Life: Biomass: Let's Set the World on Fire ;Along Road to Cleaner Energy Sources (Unit 12)

Week 13: It's All in the Mind: Laugh and the World Laughs with You (Unit 13) ;Mind Like a Sieve? There's No Need to Worry (Unit 13)

Week 14: The Natural World: Caught in a Melting World (Unit 14)

Week 15: Alien Species: Fitting in (Unit 14)

Week 16: Quiz

Week 17: Final