

Compiti di Lingua Inglese per le vacanze estive, Classe 1 B

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Summer Homework - English

First-year Classes | Choose one book

Main goal: read one complete book in English, understand the story, collect useful vocabulary, and express your personal response clearly.

1. Required reading

Choose **one** of the following books and read it during the summer:

- *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness.
- *The 101 Dalmatians* by Dodie Smith.

You may choose either a **paperback** copy or an **eBook** copy. Both formats are suitable and available for this assignment.

Important: complete only the activities connected to the book you choose.

2. Main activities

- One complete Reading Journal for the book you have chosen.
- One short written insight, 100-120 words.
- Vocabulary work: 10 useful words or expressions from the book.
- Careful revision of the language topics studied during the school year.

3. Reading Journal

Complete all the sections for your chosen book. Write clearly and use your own words as much as possible.

Option A - A Monster Calls

Part A - The story

1. Who is Conor?
2. What is happening in his family?
3. What problems does he have at school?
4. When does the monster appear?
5. Is the monster frightening, helpful, or both? Explain briefly.

Part B - Characters

Complete the table.

Character	3 adjectives	Role in the story
Conor		
The monster		
Conor's mother		
Conor's grandmother		
Lily		

Part C - Key moments

Choose three important moments from the novel. For each moment, answer the questions below.

1. What happens?
2. Why is this moment important?
3. How does Conor feel?

Option B - The 101 Dalmatians

Part A - The story

1. Who are Pongo and Missis?
2. Where is the story set?
3. What happens to the puppies?
4. Who is Cruella de Vil?
5. How are the puppies rescued? Explain briefly.

Part B - Characters

Complete the table.

Character	3 adjectives	Role in the story
Pongo		
Missis		
Perdita		
Cruella de Vil		
Mr and Mrs Dearly		

Part C - Key moments

Choose three important moments from the novel. For each moment, answer the questions below.

1. What happens?
2. Why is this moment important?
3. How do the characters show courage, intelligence or teamwork?

4. Vocabulary

Write down 10 useful words or expressions from the book you have chosen. For each one, write the Italian meaning and one original sentence in English.

Word / expression	Meaning	My sentence

5. Short written insight

Choose one question about your book and answer it in 100-120 words.

Do not simply retell the plot. Express your opinion clearly and support it with examples from the book.

If you choose *A Monster Calls*

1. Is the monster a frightening creature or a helper? Explain your opinion with examples from the story.
2. Why is it difficult for Conor to tell the truth?
3. What does the novel teach about fear, sadness or growing up?

If you choose *The 101 Dalmatians*

1. What makes Cruella de Vil a memorable villain? Explain your opinion with examples from the story.
2. Is this only a story about animals, or is it also a story about courage and family?
3. Which character did you like most, and why?

Suggested structure

- **Opening sentence:** state your opinion clearly.
- **Explanation:** give one or two reasons.
- **Evidence:** refer to at least one moment or character from the book.
- **Final comment:** conclude your reflection briefly.

6. Language revision

You are strongly advised to revise all the language topics studied during the school year. Use your textbook, workbook, notebook and the materials provided by the teacher on Google Classroom.

Recommended revision work

- Review grammar rules and examples studied in class.
- Redo selected exercises from the textbook and workbook, especially the ones you found difficult.
- Review vocabulary units and word lists.
- Revise writing structures used during the year, including paragraph writing.
- Check the materials uploaded by the teacher on Classroom.

7. Work after the summer

At the beginning of the school year, the Reading Journal may be checked and discussed in class. You may also be asked to take part in a short discussion or write a short paragraph about the book you have read.

Possible discussion questions

1. Which book did you choose, and why?
2. Who is the most interesting character in your book?
3. Which scene did you find most powerful or memorable?
4. What did the book teach you about fear, courage, family or friendship?
5. Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not?

Final reminder: The purpose of this summer work is to revise, read, understand, think and write in English, and enjoy the pleasure of reading.