Find out more about this task:

a. **Objectives:**
   - To help you learn everyday English and vocabulary by reading a blog written by a native English speaker
   - To practise your reading and writing skills

b. **What to do:**
   Go to [http://www.norwich.edu/admissions/studentblogs.html](http://www.norwich.edu/admissions/studentblogs.html) or [http://www.xanga.com/frontpagesetting.aspx?default=usa](http://www.xanga.com/frontpagesetting.aspx?default=usa) to read a person's blog and complete this worksheet

c. **Suggested time:**
   30-45 mins

**Your task:**

1. Whose blog did you choose? Blogger's name (if you know): ___________ URL of blog: ____________________

2. What criteria did you use in deciding whose blog to read? (e.g. blog layout, blogger's age, topics that the blogger writes)
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3. Read at least three blog entries written by this person.

4. Write down 3 new **words / colloquial expressions** from the entries that you think will be useful. Look them up in a dictionary.

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5. Based on the blog entries that you have read, describe the personality and lifestyle of this blogger.

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6. What have you found out about the culture of his/her country? How is it different from the culture of Hong Kong?

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7. Read the comments posted by his/her friends. What kind of relationships does he/she have with them?

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8. Would you like to get to know this person more? Why or why not?

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9. Have you got your own blog? Why not start keeping one about your daily life in English now?
   • Don't know how to use blogs? Watch this short video on YouTube: "Blogs in Plain English" [video link]

Post-task self-evaluation:

a. Write down a few ideas you have learnt from this task about using blogs for improving English.

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b. What is one problem you encountered when doing this task?

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c. Suggest 1-2 things you can do to solve the problem you listed in (b).

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