



# IDENTIFYING GENRES

Week 1 – Part 2

English For academic Purposes

English Language Teaching Unit

Faculty of Humanities and Sciences



# Learning outcomes

- Identify different types of genres
- Discuss the characteristics of different genres



# What is a genre ?

- “A category of artistic, musical, or literary composition characterized by a particular style, form, or content.” (Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language-)
- A particular format and structure (Duke & Purcell-Gates, 2003)
- There are different kinds of texts, each with its own features, purposes, and conventions





# Activity 1

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- Look at the following extracts. Try to answer the following questions
  - What is the type of genre?
  - What kind of language is used?
  - Where do you see these?





01

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# 01- Short Story

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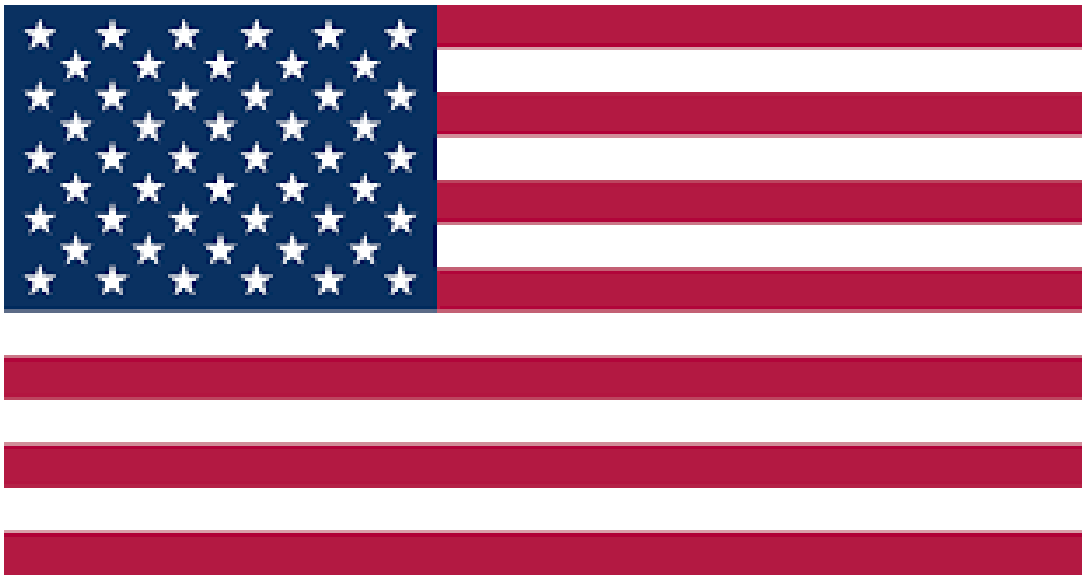
# A Design of Mobile Health for Android Applications

For healthiness and wellness, exercising is one of the key factors. In this paper, a mobile health application is developed to recommend healthcare support referring to exercises on the Android Smart Phone. This application has been designed to provide exercise advice depending on Body Mass Index (BMI), Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR) and the energy used in each activity or sport (e.g. aerobic dancing, cycling, jogging working and swimming).





# 04



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# Activity 2

Match the type of text with its explanation

Explanation

To present a record of information after careful observation and analysis

Narrative

To entertain through telling a story

Discussion

To help the reader create a picture of scenes, events, people, etc.

Argumentative (Exposition)

To show how things work and why things happen

Report

To persuade the reader to agree with the writer's position/opinion

Procedure (Instruction)

To relate past experiences or events, either real or imagined

Recount

To instruct the reader how to make or do something

Descriptive

To explore more than one side of an issue/To inform and persuade



# Activity 3

Identify the type of text

1. Advertising has a great impact on children and therefore advertisements should be designed carefully so that children do not adopt inappropriate values.
2. The nervous system works through a complex network of neurons. These are the basic functioning cells of the nervous system and conduct electrical impulses between the central and peripheral nervous system.
3. To produce "foie gras" (which literally means "fatty liver"), workers ram pipes down male ducks' or geese's throats two or three times daily and pump as much as 4 pounds of grain and fat into the animals' stomachs, causing their livers to bloat to up to 10 times their normal size. Many birds have difficulty standing because of their engorged livers, and they may tear out their own feathers and cannibalize each other out of stress. (Source: [www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org))

4. So he sat down, opened a drawer, took out of it a woman's photograph, gazed at it a few moments, and kissed it.
5. Swallowing air when eating is often done unconsciously and may cause frequent belching during or after meals. To avoid swallowing air, make sure you slow down when eating, try not to 'slurp' drinks, and avoid talking while chewing.
6. Yesterday I fell over while walking in the hills and went to see the doctor, who bandaged my knee and gave me a tetanus injection.
7. There are various ways to overcome deteriorating eyesight. One possible avenue is to undergo eye surgery. However, before making this decision, patients should consider several factors such as the cost of the surgery, their state of health and the associated risks.
8. Major programme requirements that were identified by the directors include the need for better tools to track and evaluate clients' performance over time.



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Thank you

