HANDOUT
UNIT 8 – READING
NEW WAYS TO LEARN

- **Kim**

I think face-to-face learning is better than online learning because I can communicate with teachers and other classmates immediately and directly when I have questions. In class, I can work in groups and discuss with friends. This helps me understand the lessons better. When I have a problem, I can ask for answers or help immediately. I can't do this in online classes. I have to email my teachers and wait for their reply. Learning in a traditional classroom also has fewer distractions than learning online. My teachers have many strategies to keep us focused on the lessons. I really enjoy my lessons and learn a lot.

- **Laura**

I think online learning has more advantages than disadvantages. My school is trying to change from face-to-face to blended learning, so sometimes we have online classes. I don't have to go to school, but I don't feel I'm missing any lessons by taking online classes. Furthermore, I think I learn online as much as I learn in a traditional class. I can't talk to my teacher and classmates, but I can email them at any time. I also have an online discussion board where I can exchange comments and ideas about my projects with my classmates. The only disadvantage is I really need to have a fast Internet connection.

TASK 1: Read the text and decide who mentions the following by putting a tick in the correct box:

This person...	KIM	LAURA
1. thinks that online learning isn't as good as face-to-face learning.		
2. gains the same knowledge in both ways of learning.		
3. has more direct conversations and discussions.		
4. uses emails to contact classmates.		
5. can pay more attention in class.		
6. needs to have access to high-speed Internet.		

TASK 2: Writing a short paragraph (120 -150 words) to discuss the following question. Which way of learning do you think is better? Why?

Then post your paragraph on LMS Discussion.

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