

## Are you suffering from Affluenza?

**WebQuest Description:** During this webquest you will investigate the concept of 'affluenza' and find out whether you are suffering from it.

You will also gather ideas to use in discussions later in class (based on Speaking Part 4 of the CAE exam).

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### Introduction

Before you can find out if you suffer from affluenza, you first need to know what it means. Go to the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary (all links in this webquest will be at the bottom of the page). Try to find a definition of the word. If you can't, try to work out what it might mean. Write a short definition in the Google Doc "Affluenza definitions". Don't forget to write your names next to the definition so no-one else can claim your work :)

### Tasks

Psychologist and author Oliver James has written a book investigating affluenza. You have two tasks to do based on it: Answer the questions in the Google form 'Affluenza book questions' using the links below. You can also use search engines too, but you should find most of the answers on these two pages. Find out if you suffer from affluenza by doing the personality quiz below.

### Process

Finally, we're going to create a mindmap ready for our Speaking Part 4 discussions. If you don't know what a mindmap is, go to Google Images and type 'mind map'. We're going to use a browser-based mindmapping tool called mind42. If you've never used it, watch the 3-minute video to find out what to do. (You can ask me for help too!) Go to the mind map - the link should be in your email. If you can't find it, check your spam. There are six prompts: There is no cure for affluenza. People in our society are defined by what they earn. Nowadays people are ruled by superficial values. People today have an unhealthy interest in the lives of celebrities. People buy things to make themselves feel happier. Being affluent makes people unhappy. Choose one or two prompts to focus on. Try to think of 2 ideas in agreement with and 2 ideas against each point. Can you add to the ideas which are already there? Tell the rest of the class which ones you've chosen so that we can work together and be more efficient :) Add your ideas using the internet to help you out. You can use whichever sources you like.

### Evaluation

Now it's your turn. We've collected lots of ideas to help you. CAE Speaking Part 4 Speak for 3-4 minutes with a partner about one of these topics: There is no cure for affluenza. People in our society are defined by what they earn. Nowadays people are ruled by superficial values. People today have an unhealthy interest in the lives of celebrities. People buy things to make themselves feel happier. Being affluent makes people unhappy. I will listen and give you feedback when you have finished. If you want to, you can go to a different room and record yourselves speaking using the link below. Then I can listen at home and give you more detailed feedback.

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## Conclusion

We're done! If you want to help me out, please send me an email and let me know if you enjoyed this webquest (it's the first one I've made) :) Well done!

## Teacher Page

This webquest is based on the affluenza pages in New English File Advanced (Unit 3c). It's designed to be self-contained, in that all of the instructions can be found in the webquest itself. If there's anything you need help with, please let me know at sandy millin (all one word) at gmail dot com.

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