

Episode 1: The Assignment

1. Geeta and Paul are final year Archaeology students who don't get along very well. They receive an email from their tutor, Dr Davis, who asks them to work together on their final piece of coursework.

Read the email from Dr Davis and put the words below into the correct gaps:

- locations • important • team • handed in • degree • choose

FROM: Dr Davis – Head of Archaeology (Staplebridge University)
TO: Paul Cross; Geeta Varma
SUBJECT: Details of final piece of Archaeology coursework

Dear Geeta and Paul,

You have been paired to work together for your final piece of written coursework of your Archaeology **a.**_____. It's an open research task where you can **b.**_____ which subject to focus on. Your task is to hand in an investigation about one of the following **c.**_____:

- The ancient city of Teotihuacan
- The Terracotta Army

Please decide between you which location you want to study. I don't have to remind you how **d.**_____ this piece of work is and I wish you the best of luck. Remember that you will also be marked on how well you work as a **e.**_____.

Please make sure that the work is finished and **f.**_____ by the end of next week.

Kind regards,
Dr Davis

Key: a. degree; b. choose; c. locations; d. important; e. team; f. handed in.

2. Listen to Episode 1 <https://soundcloud.com/cambridge-english/virtually-anywhere-episode-1> once or twice and answer these questions.
 - a. How do they feel?
 - b. Where are they?
 - c. Who sends them an email while they're talking?
 - d. What time's the meeting?
 - e. How do they go there?

Key: a. tense, uncomfortable, because they have to work together - b. on the university campus (Staplebridge University) - c. 'The Professor' (NB this is NOT Dr Davis) - d. at 3 p.m. - e. they walk/run (we assume – they probably don't take a bus on campus, but it's not impossible!).

3. Listen again and check the transcript at <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for-learners/val001-virtually-anywhere-episode-1>.
4. Do the learning activities online to practise the words you've heard (gli esercizi si trovano cliccando nell'ultimo riquadro della pagina, sotto "Download the Lesson Plans for episodes 1&2").