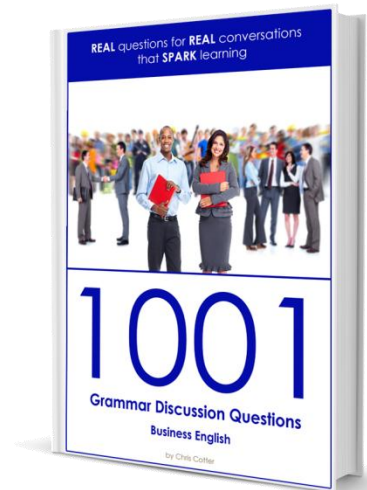
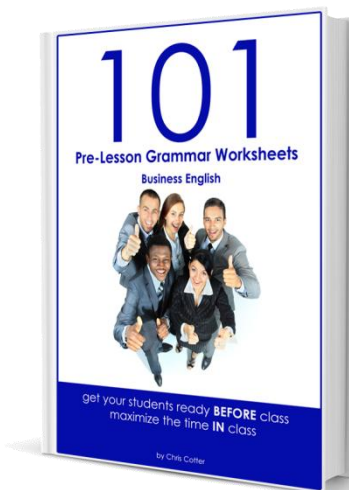
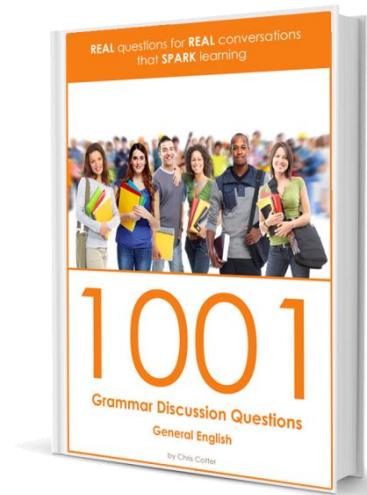
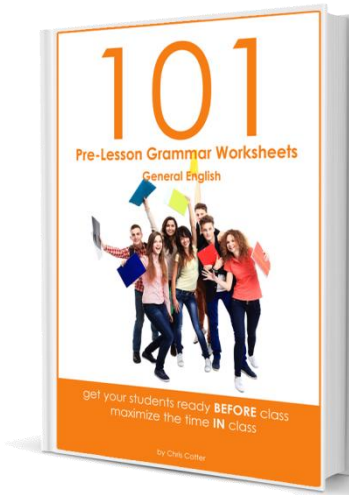
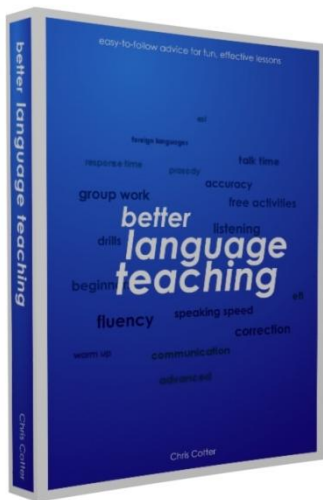


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## AMBITION

**Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!**

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- Do you consider yourself to be an ambitious person? Why/not?
  - Do you think that ambition can be taught in school, much like a course in Math or English? Would you want to take such a course? Why/not?
  - Does ambition always bring success? Why do you think so?
  - If you could take a pill which would result in increased motivation to achieve your goals, would you want to take the pill? Why/not?
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- How would you define "ambition?" How does your definition compare or contrast with the definitions of your classmates?
  - What are the positive results, if any, of being an overachiever? Please explain.
  - What are the negative results, if any, of being an overachiever? Please explain.
  - Who is the most ambitious person you personally know? What is the source of his/her ambition? Please explain.
  - Who are three well-known overachievers whom you admire? What reasons make them especially admirable? What makes them ambitious?
  - Why are some people determined to succeed at any cost, yet others just about lack any drive whatsoever? Please explain.
  - What has a greater influence on a person's ambitiousness, family, genes, or the culture in which he/she is raised? Why do you think so?
  - Where do you see yourself in ten years?
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- Can ambition be turned off and on like a light switch? Why/not?
  - Do you think younger people are inherently more ambitious than older people? Why/not?
  - Do you think one's social status as a child, whether rich, poor, or somewhere in the middle, affects his/her ability to succeed later in life? Why/not?
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- Who possesses a greater amount of ambition, men or women? Why do you think so?
  - Which nations have the greatest number of ambitious people? Why do you think so? Are there any countries which lack overachievers?
  - Which races are the most ambitious? Why do you think so?
  - Imagine that you're a parent. How could you instill a healthy sense of drive in your child?
  - Niccolo Machiavelli said: Ambition is so powerful a passion in the human breast that however high we reach, we are never satisfied. What does this mean?

