

Introduction to NLN 100 (Week 1)

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NLN 100 Language & Writing Skills – 1

1 Class rules

- When someone speaks, everyone listens, no one else speaks.
- The class functions on a principle of cooperation, not competition.
- We do not mock anyone for the way they speak/write.
- All classwork and assignments are to be uploaded on Moodle.
- File naming system: CLASSDAY_CLASSTIME_FIRSTNAME_ENTRYNUMBER (eg. mon_9_neha_123456)

2 Things needed for every class

- Notebook + Pen
- Phones (fully charged!) + Headphones

3 Introductions (30 minutes)

We all introduce ourselves with our

- first names
- programme
- home languages

4 Reading from *Inscrutable Americans* (30 minutes)

- Read the excerpt given to you from Anurag Mathur's famous bildungsroman and deliberate on the following.
 - Does the writer of the letter sound funny to you?
 - Why do you think they sound funny (or not)?
 - Underline the parts that sound funny or simply odd.
 - Can you classify these underlined parts into groups?

5 Writing Task (30 minutes)

Write a letter to your family describing your first week at IIT Delhi.

6 Homework

Copy the letter onto Chat GPT and ask it to correct it. What corrections do you see? We will discuss some of them in the next class. (The EPUB file is available on the class OneDrive folder)