

Non-gradable exercise #1.

1. Imagine yourself at a movie that you are thoroughly enjoying, being completely intent on that movie. Or imagine yourself reading something very enjoyable and not very challenging, something like a Stephen King or an Elmore Leonard, a detective story, or a science-fiction novel. Write a description of your state of mind, using at least 15 words.
2. Imagine yourself reading something that is challenging, complex poetry or dense prose, something like a contemporary poem, a novel by Henry James, or part of *Finnegans Wake*. Write a description of your state of mind, using at least 15 words.
3. Now imagine yourself at a science-fiction movie or a Hong Kong martial arts movie, something like *Star Wars* or *Lord of the Rings* or *Matrix* or *Spider-Man*. One of the characters is hurtling through space. How do you react? Write a description of your reaction using at least 15 words.

Complete the exercise before January 26. By that date, please email your paragraphs to me at nnh@english.ufl.edu.