



Culture and Traditions

Article planning bank: cultural festivals

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should celebrate more cultural festivals. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about cultural festivals to help you:

'Festival days make learning memorable.'

'Food and music help people understand traditions.'

'Some students feel left out.'

'It can become too expensive to organise.'

Now write an article for your school magazine.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your article. Add details and examples.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases
Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: question / contrast / cultural phrase Title idea:	☐ Why celebrate...? ☐ More than a festival ☐ Culture in action
Introduction	Context: school festival days; different cultures in the school community Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Recently,... ☐ In a diverse school,... ☐ This matters because...
Cultural benefits	Idea: festival days make learning memorable Example / detail: Extra idea: food and music help people understand traditions Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can help students...
Concerns or limits	Concern: some students feel left out Why / effect: Another point: events can become expensive Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ A possible concern is... ☐ To make this fair,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how should schools celebrate culture fairly?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ The best approach is...

Write your article

Write an article for your school magazine. Cover the comments, develop your points and make your opinion clear.

Article title _____

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Article planning bank: traditional food at school

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should include more traditional food in special events. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about traditional food at school to help you:

'Students could share family recipes.'

'It would make lunch events more interesting.'

'Some dishes may not suit everyone.'

'Food allergies must be taken seriously.'

Now write an article for your school magazine.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your article. Add details and examples.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases
Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: question / sensory opening / alliteration Title idea:	[] What is on your plate? [] A taste of... [] More than lunch
Introduction	Context: traditional food at school events; sharing family backgrounds Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Imagine trying... [] Food can show... [] This could bring...
Positive ideas	Idea: students could share family recipes Example / detail: Extra idea: lunch events would be more interesting Detail / example:	[] One advantage is... [] For instance,... [] This would allow...
Practical concerns	Concern: some dishes may not suit everyone Why / effect: Another point: food allergies must be taken seriously Possible response:	[] Even so,... [] The school would need to... [] To avoid problems,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what would make this enjoyable and safe?	[] In my view,... [] If planned carefully,... [] Overall,...

Write your article

Write an article for your school magazine. Cover the comments, develop your points and make your opinion clear.

Article title _____

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Article planning bank: learning local traditions

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people should learn more about local traditions. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about local traditions to help you:

'It helps us understand where we live.'
'Older people could share useful stories.'

'Some traditions feel old-fashioned.'
'There is already too much to study.'

Now write an article for your school magazine.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your article. Add details and examples.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases
Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: question / contrast / strong opinion Title idea:	[] Do traditions still matter? [] Old stories, new lessons [] Why local culture matters
Introduction	Context: local traditions; what young people know about their community Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] These days,... [] It is easy to forget... [] This matters because...
Reasons for learning	Idea: it helps us understand where we live Example / detail: Extra idea: older people could share useful stories Detail / example:	[] One reason is... [] For example,... [] This can make...
Concerns or limits	Concern: some traditions feel old-fashioned Why / effect: Another point: there is already too much to study Possible response:	[] However,... [] Some people may feel... [] One way forward is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can traditions be taught in a modern way?	[] In my view,... [] The best approach would be... [] Overall,...

Write your article

Write an article for your school magazine. Cover the comments, develop your points and make your opinion clear.

Article title _____

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Article planning bank: language and identity

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should encourage students to use and share different languages. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about language and identity to help you:

'Languages make people feel proud of who they are.'
'Students could teach each other useful phrases.'

'It may be confusing in some lessons.'
'Everyone still needs a common language.'

Now write an article for your school magazine.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your article. Add details and examples.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases
Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: question / contrast / language phrase Title idea:	☐ How many languages...? ☐ Words that connect us ☐ More than translation
Introduction	Context: different languages in school; identity and communication Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ In many schools,... ☐ Language is part of... ☐ This topic matters because...
Benefits for identity	Idea: languages make people feel proud Example / detail: Extra idea: students could teach useful phrases Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This could help...
Possible problems	Concern: it may be confusing in some lessons Why / effect: Another point: everyone still needs a common language Possible response:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ The difficulty is... ☐ A sensible solution is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can schools value languages without causing confusion?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Schools should...

Write your article

Write an article for your school magazine. Cover the comments, develop your points and make your opinion clear.

Article title _____

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