



Environment and Conservation

Article planning bank: paper-free schools

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should use less paper. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about using less paper to help you:

'It would reduce waste.'

'Digital work is easier to store.'

'Screens are tiring to read from.'

'Some students prefer paper notes.'

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 / environmental phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Could we cut paper? ☐ Less paper, smarter learning ☐ Is paper-free realistic?
Introduction	Context: paper use in school; waste, screens and learning habits Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Every school uses... ☐ Recently,... ☐ This matters because...
Environmental benefits	Idea: using less paper reduces waste Example / detail: Extra idea: digital work is easier to store Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This would reduce...
Learning concerns	Concern: screens are tiring to read from Why / effect: Another point: some students prefer paper notes Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The difficulty is... ☐ A sensible solution is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can schools save paper sensibly?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Schools should aim to...

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: school gardens

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether every school should have a garden. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about school gardens to help you:

'Students could learn about plants by growing them.'

'There may not be enough space.'

'A garden would make school calmer.'

'It would need regular care.'

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 / nature image / alliteration Title idea:	☐ Could a garden change school? ☐ Growing more than plants ☐ A greener school
Introduction	Context: school gardens; outdoor learning and wellbeing Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Imagine a quiet space... ☐ Outdoor learning can... ☐ This matters because...
Benefits of gardens	Idea: students learn by growing plants Example / detail: Extra idea: a garden would make school calmer Detail / example:	☐ One advantage is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This could help...
Practical concerns	Concern: there may not be enough space Why / effect: Another point: it needs regular care Possible response:	☐ Even so,... ☐ A practical problem is... ☐ One way to manage this is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how could a school garden work?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ If planned well,...

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: plastic waste

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether students should do more to reduce plastic waste. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about plastic waste to help you:

'Reusable bottles are easy to bring.'

'The canteen uses too much packaging.'

'Some eco-friendly products cost more.'

'Small changes can become habits.'

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 / environmental phrase Title idea:	☐ Plastic problem? ☐ Small change, big impact ☐ Can we cut waste?
Introduction	Context: plastic waste; daily habits and school routines Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Every day,... ☐ Plastic waste is... ☐ This matters because...
Actions students can take	Idea: reusable bottles are easy to bring Example / detail: Extra idea: small changes become habits Detail / example:	☐ One simple action is... ☐ For example,... ☐ Over time,...
Problems to solve	Concern: eco-friendly products cost more Why / effect: Another point: the canteen uses too much packaging Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ Another issue is... ☐ To make this easier,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what realistic changes should students make?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Students should start by...

Write your article

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Article title _____

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Article planning bank: learning outdoors

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether students should spend more lesson time outdoors. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about outdoor lessons to help you:

'Fresh air helps students concentrate.'

'Science lessons would feel more real.'

'The weather can cause problems.'

'It may be hard to control the class.'

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 / nature phrase / strong view Title idea:	☐ Should learning move outside? ☐ Beyond the classroom ☐ Fresh air, fresh ideas
Introduction	Context: outdoor lessons; concentration, science and classroom control Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Most lessons happen... ☐ Outdoor learning could... ☐ This matters because...
Learning benefits	Idea: fresh air helps concentration Example / detail: Extra idea: science lessons feel more real Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can make...
Practical concerns	Concern: weather can cause problems Why / effect: Another point: hard to control the class Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ A practical concern is... ☐ Teachers could...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: when should outdoor lessons be used?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Outdoor lessons work best when...

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