



Family and Relationships

Article planning bank: family meals

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether families should eat together more often. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about family meals to help you:

'It gives people time to talk.'

'Family meals help younger children feel included.'

'Different schedules make it difficult.'

'Some people need quiet time after school.'

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 / family phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] Dinner together? [] More than a meal [] Time to talk
Introduction	Context: family meals; communication, routines and time pressure Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] In busy families,... [] Many people now... [] This matters because...
Benefits for families	Idea: family meals give time to talk Example / detail: Extra idea: younger children feel included Detail / example:	[] One benefit is... [] For example,... [] This can help...
Difficulties or limits	Concern: different schedules make it difficult Why / effect: Another point: some people need quiet time Possible response:	[] However,... [] The difficulty is... [] A realistic idea is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how often should families try to eat together?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Families could...

Write your article

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

Article title _____

Lined area for writing the article.



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Article planning bank: helping at home

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should help more with jobs at home. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about helping at home to help you:

'It teaches responsibility.'

'Families work better when everyone helps.'

'Schoolwork already takes a lot of time.'

'Some chores are boring.'

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 / strong opinion / household phrase Title idea:	☐ Should teenagers do more? ☐ Everyone's job? ☐ More than chores
Introduction	Context: chores at home; responsibility, fairness and time Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ At home,... ☐ Teenagers often... ☐ This matters because...
Reasons to help	Idea: chores teach responsibility Example / detail: Extra idea: families work better when everyone helps Detail / example:	☐ One reason is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can teach...
Concerns or limits	Concern: schoolwork takes a lot of time Why / effect: Another point: some chores are boring Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ It is also true that... ☐ A fair system could...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what is a fair amount of help?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Teenagers should...

Write your article

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

Article title _____

Lined area for writing the article.



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Article planning bank: spending time with grandparents

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people should spend more time with older relatives. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about older relatives to help you:

'Grandparents can share useful advice.'
'It helps families feel connected.'

'Young people are often very busy.'
'Some people live far away.'

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 / warm opening / contrast Title idea:	[] What can older relatives teach us? [] Time across generations [] Family connections
Introduction	Context: older relatives; family connection and modern busy lives Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] In modern life,... [] Older relatives often... [] This matters because...
Family benefits	Idea: grandparents share useful advice Example / detail: Extra idea: families feel connected Detail / example:	[] One clear benefit is... [] For instance,... [] This can make...
Difficulties or limits	Concern: young people are busy Why / effect: Another point: some people live far away Possible response:	[] However,... [] A practical problem is... [] One simple way is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can young people stay connected?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Young people could...

Write your article

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

Article title _____

Lined area for writing the article.



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Article planning bank: friendship groups

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether having a large group of friends is better than having a few close friends. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about friendship groups to help you:

'A big group means there is always someone to talk to.'

'Large groups can be fun at weekends.'

'Close friends understand you better.'

'Friendship drama can be stressful.'

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 / friendship phrase Title idea:	[] Big group or close friends? [] What makes a real friend? [] More friends, more fun?
Introduction	Context: friendship groups; close friends, social life and pressure Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Friendship is... [] For teenagers,... [] This matters because...
Large-group benefits	Idea: there is always someone to talk to Example / detail: Extra idea: large groups can be fun at weekends Detail / example:	[] One advantage is... [] For example,... [] This can make...
Close-friend view	Concern: close friends understand you better Why / effect: Another point: friendship drama can be stressful Possible response:	[] On the other hand,... [] The problem is... [] What matters most is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what kind of friendship matters most?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] The best friendships are...

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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