



Future Plans and Ambitions

Article planning bank: planning the future early

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should start planning their futures early. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about future planning to help you:

'It helps students choose useful subjects.'

'Goals can motivate people.'

'Plans can change quickly.'

'Too much pressure is 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 / future phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Future sorted? ☐ Plan or panic? ☐ Goals that guide us
Introduction	Context: future planning; subject choices, goals and pressure Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ At our age,... ☐ Many teenagers wonder... ☐ This matters because...
Reasons to plan	Idea: planning helps subject choices Example / detail: Extra idea: goals can motivate people Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can help...
Pressure or limits	Concern: plans can change quickly Why / effect: Another point: too much pressure is stressful Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The danger is... ☐ A balanced approach is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how early should teenagers plan?	☐ 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 _____

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Article planning bank: dream jobs

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether having a dream job is helpful. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about dream jobs to help you:

'A dream job gives you something to aim for.'
'It makes studying feel more meaningful.'

'Some jobs may not exist in the future.'
'People should stay open-minded.'

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 / ambition phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] What is your dream? [] Aim high? [] Dream job or open mind?
Introduction	Context: dream jobs; motivation, change and open-mindedness Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Many students have... [] Careers are changing... [] This matters because...
Motivating ideas	Idea: a dream job gives you an aim Example / detail: Extra idea: studying feels more meaningful Detail / example:	[] One reason is... [] For example,... [] This could motivate...
Keeping options open	Concern: some jobs may not exist Why / effect: Another point: people should stay open-minded Possible response:	[] On the other hand,... [] The world of work... [] It may be wiser to...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: are dream jobs useful or limiting?	[] 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: learning practical skills

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether practical life skills are as important as exam results. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about practical skills to help you:

'Everyone needs to manage money.'

'Communication skills help in every career.'

'Exam results still matter.'

'There is not enough time in the timetable.'

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 / practical phrase Title idea:	☐ Skills for real life? ☐ More than marks ☐ Exams or experience?
Introduction	Context: life skills; money, communication and exams Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ School prepares us... ☐ In the future,... ☐ This matters because...
Useful skills	Idea: everyone needs to manage money Example / detail: Extra idea: communication helps in every career Detail / example:	☐ One useful skill is... ☐ For instance,... ☐ This could help...
School pressures	Concern: exam results still matter Why / effect: Another point: not enough time in the timetable Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The challenge is... ☐ A sensible balance is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how should schools balance skills and exams?	☐ 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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Article planning bank: taking risks

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people should take more risks when planning their futures. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about taking risks to help you:

'Trying something new can build confidence.'

'Big goals can lead to exciting opportunities.'

'Safe choices are less stressful.'

'Mistakes can be expensive.'

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 / future phrase Title idea:	☐ Take the risk? ☐ Playing safe? ☐ Big goals, big choices
Introduction	Context: risk-taking; confidence, opportunity and security Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Thinking about the future... ☐ Some people prefer... ☐ This matters because...
Reasons to take risks	Idea: trying something new builds confidence Example / detail: Extra idea: big goals can lead to opportunities Detail / example:	☐ One possible benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can lead to...
Reasons to be careful	Concern: safe choices are less stressful Why / effect: Another point: mistakes can be expensive Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ It is also true that... ☐ Before taking a risk,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: when is a risk worth taking?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Young people 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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