



Global Issues

Article planning bank: young people and global problems

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people can make a difference to global problems. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about young people and global problems to help you:

'Small actions can influence others.'

'Online campaigns can spread quickly.'

'The problems are too big for students.'

'Real change needs governments.'

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 / global phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] Can we change the world? [] Small actions, big questions [] Too big to ignore
Introduction	Context: global problems; student action, campaigns and governments Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Global problems can feel... [] Young people often... [] This matters because...
Ways to help	Idea: small actions influence others Example / detail: Extra idea: online campaigns spread quickly Detail / example:	[] One way to help is... [] For example,... [] This can encourage...
Limits or concerns	Concern: problems are too big for students Why / effect: Another point: real change needs governments Possible response:	[] However,... [] The truth is that.. [] Even so,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what difference can young people make?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Young people can...

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: charity days

Exam-style article task

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

'They raise money for important causes.'
'They make people feel involved.'

'Students may not understand the issue deeply.'
'Too many events can become tiring.'

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 / charity phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Charity or challenge? ☐ More than fundraising ☐ Should schools do more?
Introduction	Context: charity days; fundraising, awareness and event fatigue Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ In many schools,... ☐ Charity days can... ☐ This matters because...
Positive impact	Idea: charity days raise money Example / detail: Extra idea: people feel involved Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can make...
Concerns or limits	Concern: students may not understand the issue Why / effect: Another point: too many events become tiring Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ A possible problem is... ☐ To make it meaningful,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can charity days be meaningful?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Schools should...

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Article planning bank: reducing water use

Exam-style article task

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

'People waste water without noticing.'
'Schools could fix leaking taps quickly.'

'It is hard to change habits.'
'Students need clear reminders.'

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 / practical title Title idea:	[] Every drop counts? [] Water-wise students [] Can we waste less?
Introduction	Context: saving water; habits, school systems and reminders Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Water is easy to... [] In school,... [] This matters because...
Actions that help	Idea: people waste water without noticing Example / detail: Extra idea: schools could fix leaking taps Detail / example:	[] One simple action is... [] For example,... [] This would reduce...
Habit problems	Concern: it is hard to change habits Why / effect: Another point: students need clear reminders Possible response:	[] However,... [] The challenge is... [] To remind people,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what changes would save water?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Students should...

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Article planning bank: fair trade products

Exam-style article task

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

'Farmers should be paid fairly.'

'It helps students think about where food comes from.'

'Fair trade products can cost more.'

'Some people will just buy the cheapest option.'

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 / fairness phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ What is fair? ☐ More than a price tag ☐ Fair trade at school?
Introduction	Context: fair trade; prices, farmers and student choices Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ When we buy food,... ☐ Fair trade means... ☐ This matters because...
Reasons for fair trade	Idea: farmers should be paid fairly Example / detail: Extra idea: students think about where food comes from Detail / example:	☐ One reason is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can help...
Cost concerns	Concern: fair trade products can cost more Why / effect: Another point: some people buy the cheapest option Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The problem is... ☐ One compromise could be...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: should schools support fair trade?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Schools should...

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