



Home and Local Area

Article planning bank: improving local parks

Exam-style article task

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

'Parks give people free places to meet.'

'Better sports spaces would help.'

'Some areas feel unsafe.'

'There is often litter everywhere.'

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 / local phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] Better parks for us? [] More than green space [] Safe places to meet
Introduction	Context: local parks; meeting places, sport, safety and litter Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] In our local area,... [] Parks should be... [] This matters because...
Benefits of parks	Idea: parks are free places to meet Example / detail: Extra idea: better sports spaces would help Detail / example:	[] One benefit is... [] For example,... [] This could give...
Problems to solve	Concern: some areas feel unsafe Why / effect: Another point: there is often litter Possible response:	[] However,... [] A serious issue is... [] The council could...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how should local parks improve?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Local parks 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: local shops

Exam-style article task

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

'Local shops make the area feel friendly.'

'Shop owners know their customers.'

'Large stores are often cheaper.'

'Some local shops have limited choice.'

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 / local phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Shop local? ☐ More than a shop ☐ Can local shops survive?
Introduction	Context: local shops; community, prices and choice Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ In many towns,... ☐ Shopping habits are changing... ☐ This matters because...
Community benefits	Idea: local shops make the area friendly Example / detail: Extra idea: shop owners know customers Detail / example:	☐ One reason is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can make...
Shopping concerns	Concern: large stores are often cheaper Why / effect: Another point: some shops have limited choice Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The problem is... ☐ A realistic way to help is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: why might local shops matter?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ 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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Article planning bank: community events

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether there should be more community events for teenagers. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about community events to help you:

'Events help neighbours meet each other.'

'Music and food would attract people.'

'Teenagers may not be interested.'

'Transport home can be difficult.'

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 / community phrase / lively title Title idea:	[] Where can teenagers meet? [] Community that connects [] More to do locally
Introduction	Context: community events; teenagers, neighbours and transport Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] In our area,... [] Teenagers often need... [] This matters because...
Reasons for events	Idea: events help neighbours meet Example / detail: Extra idea: music and food attract people Detail / example:	[] One benefit is... [] For example,... [] This could bring...
Concerns or limits	Concern: teenagers may not be interested Why / effect: Another point: transport home can be difficult Possible response:	[] However,... [] A practical issue is... [] To make it work,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what would make events useful for teenagers?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Community events should...

Write your article

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Article title _____

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Article planning bank: safer streets

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether local streets should be made safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about safer streets to help you:

'More crossings would help students.'
'Cycle lanes would encourage exercise.'

'Drivers already have too many delays.'
'Some roads are too narrow.'

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 / safety phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Safer streets? ☐ Room for everyone ☐ Walk, cycle, arrive safely
Introduction	Context: safe streets; crossings, cycling and traffic Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Every day,... ☐ Local roads can be... ☐ This matters because...
Safety benefits	Idea: more crossings would help students Example / detail: Extra idea: cycle lanes encourage exercise Detail / example:	☐ One improvement is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This would help...
Road concerns	Concern: drivers already have delays Why / effect: Another point: some roads are too narrow Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The challenge is... ☐ A sensible option is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can streets be safer and practical?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Local streets should...

Write your article

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Article title _____

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