



Public Places and Services

Article planning bank: libraries for young people

Exam-style article task

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

'Libraries are quiet places to study.'

'Workshops would attract more teenagers.'

'Some people think they are old-fashioned.'

'Staff need time to organise activities.'

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 / public place phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Are libraries still useful? ☐ More than books ☐ A library for teenagers
Introduction	Context: libraries; study, workshops and teenage visitors Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ In many towns,... ☐ Libraries can be... ☐ This matters because...
Why libraries matter	Idea: libraries are quiet places to study Example / detail: Extra idea: workshops attract teenagers Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This could attract...
Concerns or limits	Concern: some people think they are old-fashioned Why / effect: Another point: staff need time to organise activities Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ A practical issue is... ☐ To make this work,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what should modern libraries offer?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Libraries 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: youth centres

Exam-style article task

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

'Young people need safe places to meet.'

'Activities could build new skills.'

'They can be expensive to run.'

'Not everyone would use them.'

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 to tick
Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: question / community phrase / strong opinion Title idea:	☐ A place for us? ☐ Safe spaces matter ☐ More than a building
Introduction	Context: youth centres; safety, skills and cost Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ In every area,... ☐ Young people often need... ☐ This matters because...
Reasons for centres	Idea: young people need safe places to meet Example / detail: Extra idea: activities build new skills Detail / example:	☐ One advantage is... ☐ For instance,... ☐ This could give...
Practical concerns	Concern: centres are expensive to run Why / effect: Another point: not everyone would use them Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The main concern is... ☐ One way to manage this is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: would a youth centre improve the area?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ A youth centre would...

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: public transport information

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether public transport information should be easier for young people to use. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about transport information to help you:

'Clear apps help people travel independently.'

'Bus stop signs are often confusing.'

'Not everyone has mobile data.'

'Paper timetables are easy to lose.'

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 / service phrase / practical title Title idea:	[] Where is the bus? [] Travel made clearer [] Better information, better journeys
Introduction	Context: transport information; apps, signs and independence Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Using public transport can be... [] For young people,... [] This matters because...
Helpful information	Idea: clear apps help independent travel Example / detail: Extra idea: bus stop signs should be clearer Detail / example:	[] One useful change is... [] For example,... [] This would help...
Access problems	Concern: not everyone has mobile data Why / effect: Another point: paper timetables are easy to lose Possible response:	[] However,... [] The difficulty is... [] A better system could...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can transport information improve?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Transport services 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: public sports facilities

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether public sports facilities should be cheaper for teenagers. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about public sports facilities to help you:

'Lower prices would encourage exercise.'

'Teenagers need places to go after school.'

'Facilities need money to stay open.'

'Popular times are already crowded.'

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 / sport service phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] Too expensive to exercise? [] Sport for everyone [] Fair prices?
Introduction	Context: public sports facilities; prices, exercise and crowding Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Public facilities should... [] After school,... [] This matters because...
Benefits of lower prices	Idea: lower prices encourage exercise Example / detail: Extra idea: teenagers need places after school Detail / example:	[] One benefit is... [] For example,... [] This could encourage...
Concerns or limits	Concern: facilities need money to stay open Why / effect: Another point: popular times are crowded Possible response:	[] However,... [] The problem is... [] A possible compromise is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: should teenagers pay less?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Facilities 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.