



Sports and Leisure

Article planning bank: non-competitive sport

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should offer more non-competitive sports. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about non-competitive sports to help you:

'More students would feel confident joining in.'

'Exercise should be about health too.'

'Competition makes sport exciting.'

'Some people may not try their best.'

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 phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] Sport without pressure? [] More than winning [] Should every game be competitive?
Introduction	Context: school sport; confidence, health and competition Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] In school sport,... [] Not everyone enjoys... [] This matters because...
Reasons for non-competitive sport	Idea: more students would feel confident Example / detail: Extra idea: exercise should be about health Detail / example:	[] One clear benefit is... [] For example,... [] This could encourage...
Concerns or limits	Concern: competition makes sport exciting Why / effect: Another point: some people may not try their best Possible response:	[] However,... [] It is also true that.. [] A good balance would...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what kind of sport should schools offer?	[] 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: leisure time

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers have enough leisure time. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about leisure time to help you:

'Free time helps people relax.'

'Hobbies can build confidence.'

'Homework often takes over.'

'Too much free time can be wasted.'

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 / leisure phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Time to relax? ☐ More than homework ☐ Do we have enough free time?
Introduction	Context: leisure time; relaxation, homework and hobbies Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ After school,... ☐ Teenagers often... ☐ This matters because...
Why leisure matters	Idea: free time helps people relax Example / detail: Extra idea: hobbies build confidence Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can help...
Pressure or limits	Concern: homework often takes over Why / effect: Another point: too much free time can be wasted Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The difficulty is... ☐ A good routine could...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how much leisure time do teenagers need?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Teenagers need...

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: trying a new sport

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people should try sports they have never played before. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about trying new sports to help you:

'You might discover a hidden talent.'
'New sports make exercise less boring.'

'It can feel embarrassing at first.'
'Equipment 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 / sport phrase / lively title Title idea:	[] Try something new? [] Hidden talent? [] Sport beyond your comfort zone
Introduction	Context: new sports; confidence, variety and cost Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Many people stick to... [] Trying a new sport can... [] This matters because...
Possible benefits	Idea: you might discover a hidden talent Example / detail: Extra idea: new sports make exercise less boring Detail / example:	[] One advantage is... [] For instance,... [] This could make...
Challenges or limits	Concern: it can feel embarrassing at first Why / effect: Another point: equipment can be expensive Possible response:	[] However,... [] A possible problem is... [] To make it easier,...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: why try something new?	[] 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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Article planning bank: esports

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether esports should be treated like other school sports. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about esports to help you:

'Esports require teamwork and quick thinking.'

'Competitions could include more students.'

'Students already spend too long on screens.'

'It is not the same as physical exercise.'

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 / gaming phrase / contrast Title idea:	[] Is gaming a sport? [] Teamwork on screen [] Esports at school?
Introduction	Context: esports; teamwork, screen time and physical activity Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	[] Esports are becoming... [] Some students argue... [] This matters because...
Reasons for esports	Idea: esports need teamwork and quick thinking Example / detail: Extra idea: competitions could include more students Detail / example:	[] One reason is... [] For example,... [] This could include...
Concerns or limits	Concern: students spend too long on screens Why / effect: Another point: it is not physical exercise Possible response:	[] However,... [] A serious concern is... [] A balanced approach is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: should esports count as school sport?	[] In my view,... [] Overall,... [] Esports should...

Write your article

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