



Teenage Life

Article planning bank: student decisions

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should have more say in decisions that affect them. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about teenage decisions to help you:

'Teenagers understand their own problems.'

'Having a say builds responsibility.'

'Adults have more experience.'

'Not every idea will be realistic.'

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 / teenage phrase / strong opinion Title idea:	☐ Should teenagers decide? ☐ Our voice matters ☐ More say, more responsibility
Introduction	Context: teenage voice; responsibility, experience and realistic choices Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Teenagers often feel... ☐ Decisions affect... ☐ This matters because...
Reasons for more say	Idea: teenagers understand their problems Example / detail: Extra idea: having a say builds responsibility Detail / example:	☐ One reason is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can teach...
Concerns or limits	Concern: adults have more experience Why / effect: Another point: not every idea is realistic Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ It is also true that... ☐ A fair approach is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how much say should teenagers have?	☐ 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: part-time jobs

Exam-style article task

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

'A job teaches responsibility.'

'Teenagers can learn to manage money.'

'Schoolwork should come first.'

'Work can be 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 / work-life phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Job or homework? ☐ Earning and learning ☐ Too young to work?
Introduction	Context: part-time jobs; responsibility, money and school pressure Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Many teenagers want... ☐ A part-time job can... ☐ This matters because...
Benefits of work	Idea: a job teaches responsibility Example / detail: Extra idea: teenagers learn to manage money Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can help...
Problems or limits	Concern: schoolwork should come first Why / effect: Another point: work can be tiring Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The risk is... ☐ A sensible limit is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: should teenagers work while studying?	☐ 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: pressure to be perfect

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers feel too much pressure to be perfect. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about pressure to be perfect to help you:

'Social media makes everyone look successful.'

'Mistakes are part of learning.'

'High expectations can motivate people.'

'Pressure can affect mental health.'

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 / wellbeing phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Perfect or human? ☐ Pressure to perform ☐ Is perfect possible?
Introduction	Context: teenage pressure; social media, expectations and mistakes Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ Being a teenager can feel... ☐ Social media often... ☐ This matters because...
Where pressure comes from	Idea: social media makes people look successful Example / detail: Extra idea: high expectations can motivate people Detail / example:	☐ One reason is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can make...
Problems with perfection	Concern: mistakes are part of learning Why / effect: Another point: pressure affects mental health Possible response:	☐ However,... ☐ The problem is... ☐ Teenagers need to remember...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: how can teenagers handle pressure?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ The healthiest approach is...

Write your article

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Article title _____

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Article planning bank: free time with friends

Exam-style article task

Your class has recently discussed whether spending time with friends is as important as studying. Your teacher has asked you to write an article about this topic for your school magazine. Here are some comments about friends and studying to help you:

'Friends help you relax after school.'

'Good friendships improve confidence.'

'Studying affects your future.'

'Too much socialising wastes time.'

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 / balance phrase / contrast Title idea:	☐ Friends or books? ☐ Balance matters ☐ More than marks
Introduction	Context: friends, study and teenage wellbeing Hook: question / direct address / lively opening statement My angle:	☐ After school,... ☐ Teenagers need... ☐ This matters because...
Why friends matter	Idea: friends help you relax Example / detail: Extra idea: friendships improve confidence Detail / example:	☐ One benefit is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This can improve...
Study priorities	Concern: studying affects your future Why / effect: Another point: too much socialising wastes time Possible response:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ It is also true that... ☐ A good balance is...
Final view	My opinion: Closing message: what balance do teenagers need?	☐ In my view,... ☐ Overall,... ☐ Teenagers should...

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