



Environment and Conservation

Essay planning bank: school environmental projects

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should do more environmental projects. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Projects teach students responsibility.'

'They can improve the local area.'

'They take time away from lessons.'

'Some students do not take them seriously.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: environmental projects can include recycling, gardens and clean-up events Issue: whether schools should spend more time on them My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: projects can teach students responsibility Reason / example: Extra idea: they may improve the local area Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: projects can take time away from lessons Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should choose practical projects linked to learning Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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Essay planning bank: reducing plastic

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should ban single-use plastic. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'It would reduce waste.'

'It would set a good example.'

'Reusable items can be expensive.'

'Students might forget to bring bottles.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: single-use plastic is a common source of waste Issue: whether schools should ban it completely My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: a ban could reduce waste Reason / example: Extra idea: it may encourage students to think about their habits Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: reusable items can be expensive for some families Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should reduce plastic gradually and provide affordable alternatives Reason:	☐ In my opinion,... ☐ A balanced solution would be... ☐ This would allow...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ For these reasons,... ☐ The most sensible view is...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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Essay planning bank: outdoor learning

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether students should spend more lesson time outdoors. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Outdoor lessons make nature more real.'

'Students may feel calmer outside.'

'The weather can cause problems.'

'It is hard to manage large classes.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: outdoor lessons can connect classroom topics with real places Issue: whether students should learn outside more often My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: outdoor lessons can make nature feel more real Reason / example: Extra idea: students may feel calmer and more interested Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: weather can make outdoor learning difficult Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should use outdoor lessons when they clearly support the subject Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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Essay planning bank: climate change education

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether climate change should be taught in every subject. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'It affects everyone.'

'Students need to understand the science.'

'Not every subject is connected to it.'

'It can feel worrying if it is mentioned too often.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: climate change is an important global issue Issue: whether it should appear across the whole curriculum My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: climate change affects everyone Reason / example: Extra idea: students need to understand the science and consequences Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: not every subject connects naturally to the topic Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should teach climate change clearly without forcing it into every lesson Reason:	☐ In my opinion,... ☐ A balanced solution would be... ☐ This would allow...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ For these reasons,... ☐ The most sensible view is...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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