



People and Community

Essay planning bank: volunteering

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should volunteer in their community. 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:

'Volunteering helps people understand others.'

'It can improve confidence.'

'Teenagers are already busy.'

'People should choose freely.'

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: community volunteering can include helping events, charities or younger students Issue: whether teenagers should be encouraged to volunteer My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: volunteering can help young people understand others Reason / example: Extra idea: it may improve confidence and social skills Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: teenagers may already be busy Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: volunteering should be encouraged but not forced 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: helping neighbours

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether people should make more effort to help their neighbours. 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 makes communities feel safer.'

'Small acts can make a big difference.'

'People value their privacy.'

'Not everyone has time.'

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: neighbours can support each other in everyday situations Issue: whether people should make more effort locally My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: helping neighbours can make communities feel safer Reason / example: Extra idea: small acts may make a big difference Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: some people value their privacy Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: people should help neighbours in respectful and realistic ways 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.

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Essay planning bank: role models

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people need positive role models. 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:

'Role models can inspire good choices.'

'They show what is possible.'

'People should think for themselves.'

'Some famous people are poor examples.'

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: young people may look up to family members, teachers or public figures Issue: whether positive role models are important My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: role models can inspire good choices Reason / example: Extra idea: they may show young people what is possible Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: some famous people can be poor examples Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: young people need role models but should also develop independent judgement 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: teamwork

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether teamwork is more important than individual achievement. 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:

'Teamwork teaches communication.'

'People can share different strengths.'

'Individual effort should be recognised.'

'Some people do more work than others.'

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: school and work often involve both teamwork and individual effort Issue: which should be valued more My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: teamwork can teach communication Reason / example: Extra idea: people can share different strengths Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: individual effort should also be recognised Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: teamwork is important, but fair systems should recognise individual contributions Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

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