



Public Services

Essay planning bank: free public transport

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether public transport should be free for students. 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 help students get to school.'

'It could reduce car use.'

'It would cost the government a lot.'

'Some students live close enough to walk.'

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: public transport can affect school access and local traffic Issue: whether students should be able to use it for free My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: free transport could help students get to school Reason / example: Extra idea: it may reduce car use and traffic Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: it would cost public money Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: free or reduced fares should be offered where students genuinely need them 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: libraries

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether public libraries are still important. 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:

'Libraries give everyone access to books.'

'They provide quiet study spaces.'

'People can find information online.'

'Some libraries are rarely used.'

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: libraries offer books, study spaces and community services Issue: whether they remain important in the digital age My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: libraries give everyone access to books Reason / example: Extra idea: they provide quiet spaces for study Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: people can find information online Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: libraries should adapt by offering both digital and community services 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: youth centres

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether towns should provide more youth centres. 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:

'Teenagers need safe places to meet.'

'Centres can offer useful activities.'

'They can be expensive to run.'

'Some young people would not use them.'

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: youth centres can provide activities and safe meeting spaces Issue: whether towns should invest in more of them My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: teenagers need safe places to meet Reason / example: Extra idea: centres can offer useful activities and support Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: they can be expensive to run Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: towns should provide youth centres where there is clear demand 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: healthcare advice in schools

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should offer more healthcare advice to students. 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:

'Students need reliable information.'

'Schools are not hospitals.'

'It could prevent small problems becoming worse.'

'Some issues are private.'

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: students may need advice about physical and mental wellbeing Issue: whether schools should offer more healthcare guidance My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: students need reliable health information Reason / example: Extra idea: early advice may prevent small problems becoming worse Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: schools are not medical centres Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should offer basic guidance and direct students to professional help when needed 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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