



Teenage Life and Personal Development

Essay planning bank: teenage responsibility

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should be given more responsibility. 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:

'Responsibility teaches independence.'

'It shows adults trust us.'

'Some teenagers are not ready.'

'Too much pressure can be stressful.'

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: teenagers gradually prepare for adult life Issue: whether they should be trusted with more responsibility My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: responsibility can teach independence Reason / example: Extra idea: it may show that adults trust teenagers Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: some teenagers may not be ready Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: teenagers should be given responsibility gradually with support 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: making mistakes

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether making mistakes is an important part of learning. 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:

'Mistakes help people improve.'

'They teach resilience.'

'Some mistakes have serious consequences.'

'People can lose confidence.'

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: mistakes happen in school, friendships and personal choices Issue: whether they are useful for learning My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: mistakes can help people improve Reason / example: Extra idea: they may teach resilience Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: some mistakes can have serious consequences Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: young people should learn from mistakes while also thinking carefully before acting 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: personal goals

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should set clear personal goals. 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:

'Goals help people stay motivated.'

'They make progress easier to see.'

'Plans can change quickly.'

'Goals can create pressure.'

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: personal goals can relate to school, hobbies or relationships Issue: whether teenagers should set them clearly My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: goals can help people stay motivated Reason / example: Extra idea: they may make progress easier to see Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: goals can create pressure Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: teenagers should set flexible goals that can change as they grow 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: independence

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether teenagers should become independent as early as possible. 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:

'Independence prepares people for adult life.'

'It builds confidence.'

'Young people still need guidance.'

'Too much freedom can lead to poor choices.'

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: independence is an important part of growing up Issue: whether teenagers should become independent early My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: independence can prepare people for adult life Reason / example: Extra idea: it may build confidence Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: young people still need guidance Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: teenagers should gain independence gradually and responsibly Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
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