



The Natural World

Essay planning bank: protecting wild animals

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether protecting wild animals should be a global priority. 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:

'Animals are part of the planet's balance.'

'Future generations deserve to see wildlife.'

'Human problems should come first.'

'Conservation can be expensive.'

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: wild animals are affected by habitat loss, pollution and climate change Issue: whether their protection should be a global priority My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: animals are part of the planet's natural balance Reason / example: Extra idea: future generations should be able to see wildlife Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: human problems may seem more urgent Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: wildlife protection should be part of wider environmental planning 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: nature and wellbeing

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether spending time in nature is important for young people. 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:

'Nature helps people feel calmer.'

'It encourages exercise.'

'Some students prefer indoor activities.'

'Not everyone has easy access to green spaces.'

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: nature can include parks, beaches, forests and gardens Issue: whether spending time there matters for young people My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: nature can help people feel calmer Reason / example: Extra idea: it may encourage exercise Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: not everyone has easy access to green spaces Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools and communities should create more chances for young people to experience nature 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: zoos

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether zoos are useful for protecting animals. 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:

'Zoos can protect endangered species.'

'Visitors learn about conservation.'

'Animals should live in the wild.'

'Some enclosures are too small.'

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: zoos are often defended as places for education and conservation Issue: whether they are useful for protecting animals My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: zoos can protect endangered species Reason / example: Extra idea: visitors may learn about conservation Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: animals should ideally live in the wild Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: only well-managed zoos with strong conservation aims should continue 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...

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Essay planning bank: national parks

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether more land should be protected as national parks. 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:

'National parks protect beautiful places.'

'They support wildlife.'

'People need land for homes and farms.'

'Tourism can damage natural areas.'

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: national parks protect landscapes, plants and animals Issue: whether more land should receive this protection My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: national parks can protect beautiful places Reason / example: Extra idea: they may support wildlife Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: people also need land for homes and farms Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: more land should be protected where conservation and local needs can be balanced 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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