



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Class: VIII	Department: ENGLISH	Date of submission: January 2022
Worksheet No: 24	Topic: ARTICLE WRITING	Note: To be written in the notebook

An article is an expression of one's thoughts on an issue or a subject logically and coherently written in meaningful paragraphs. Writing an article is a challenging task. It needs creativity, good vocabulary, good knowledge of the subject and skill to organize ideas.

Purpose of writing an article is to focus on issues of social concern, narrating an event, description of a place, etc. An article is written for a large audience. It is published in either newspapers or magazines or journals so as to make some difference to the world. It may be the topics of interest to the writer or it may be related to some current issues.



FORMAT

- Heading / Title – must be catchy and sharp.
- By- name of the author
- Body
 - Para 1- Introduction- Start with a slogan, a question, an amazing fact, figure or statement.
 - Para 2 -Content- Causes, effects, the present state of affairs, etc.
 - Para 3 -Draw solutions and conclusions

<u>TITLE</u> BYLINE i.e. (NAME, Class/Designation)
Introduction _____ _____
Content _____ _____ _____ _____
Concluding paragraph _____ _____ _____

Points to Remember -

- A title that is eye-catching and encapsulates the theme.
- A byline- Name of the Author and class on the line below the title

- Content that is clear, accurate and offers a balanced view of issues.
- Paragraphs that –
 - (a) introduce the theme
 - (b) bring out the cause-effect relationship
 - (c) include conclusion, suggestion, personal observations, predictions
- Originality of ideas.
- Logical arrangement of ideas.
- Begin with a striking opening sentence which addresses the readers and gets them interested in the topic.
- Present a strong argument for your ideas supporting it with evidence or elaboration.
- Use linking devices (however, therefore, although, even though, in order to, etc.) to make the composition appear a whole.
- Conclude with your strongest point.
- Use passive voice, emotive language, rhetorical questions to provide a specific effect.

SAMPLE ARTICLE

Question:

Riding without helmets, speeding, rash driving and jumping red lights are some aspects of underage driving. The underage drivers fail to realize that they are putting to risk not only their own but also the life of other road users. Write an article, in about 100- 150 words, highlighting the solutions to the menace of underage driving.

Answer.

UNDERAGE DRIVING -A MENACE By Mukund Gunjan, VIII C

A woman was seriously injured in Chandigarh in July 2008, after a teenager rammed into her while riding on the wrong side of the road. Why do such cases keep happening? Who is responsible? What is the solution? Youngsters from wealthy families often take out their parents' car for a drive. Courtesy their hormones, they drive fast, rash and honk wildly. Their reflexes are not as sharp as the reflexes of the adults and when required to react fast, they bungle.

Obtaining a license is also a very easy task if some money is paid to a tout. One can get a license without even a test. Minors can obtain a license with fake proof of age. In such cases, the police only impose a nominal fine and these dangerous drivers are back on the road. When minors are involved in an accident, their parents need to be made accountable. Many a time, it is the parents who encourage their kids. They proudly announce that their 12 or 14-year-old child can drive a car. They themselves teach their kids how to ride two-wheelers. Ideally, youngsters should not have access to the keys of the vehicle.

In case of negligent driving by minors, parents should be booked too. Laws dealing with such crimes should be made stricter and implemented stringently. The punishment should also be severe to curb such crimes. Removing these underage drivers from the roads doesn't mean that accidents will stop happening, however, the number of accidents will surely reduce and make our roads safer.

WRITING TASK:

- Rajat/Reetika Raina recently attended a one-day seminar on vocational courses - ‘A Step Towards Self-Employment’. At the seminar, the speakers talked about:
 - various vocational courses like computer programming, graphic design, textile technology, travel and tourism, office management, book-keeping and so on.
 - need to propagate such courses—reduce pressure on colleges, ensure a vocation for children.
 - the result—lowering of stress level, lowering of unemployment.



Write an article in about 150 words for your school magazine on the importance of vocational courses. Give your article a suitable heading.

- The Delhi administration has launched a drive against the use of crackers because of the increased levels of air pollution during Diwali due to the bursting of crackers, the adverse health impacts and the employment of child labour in the firecracker industry, which leads to many casualties. The objective should be to let Diwali be a glowing festival of the year and not a noisy, polluting, chaotic and accident- filled event.

Using your own ideas and the ideas given above, write an article to be published in your school newsletter on the need to “Say No to Crackers”. You are Abhileena/Abhijeet Sarcar, Head Girl/Head Boy of Delhi Public School. (150 words)

- A survey was conducted to find out how teenagers spend their free time. The following trends were observed. Using the data given in the pie chart and your own ideas write an article in about 120 words for your school magazine on how teenagers spend their free time.

How Teenagers Spend Their Free Time


