



ENGLISH

Chapter 9 Session B

5th
SECONDARY

Perfect



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HELICOMOTIVATION





Comparing

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Reinforcement

Circle the correct option.

- 1 Who is the **happier/happiest** person that you know?
- 2 This is by far the **easier/easiest** exam I've ever taken.
- 3 The video we watched wasn't as interesting **as/than** I thought it would be.
- 4 Paul and Tina's wedding was **much/very** more enjoyable than the last one I went to.
- 5 There was **a bit more excitement/an excitement a bit more** than we'd expected.

An opinion essay

- 1** Read the title of the essay. What's your own opinion on the question?

Some people think that celebrities deserve more privacy than they have. Do you agree?

2 Read the essay. Does the writer agree or disagree with the statement? Do they give one or both sides of the argument?

Some people think that celebrities deserve more privacy than they have. Do you agree?

Open up any web page, magazine or newspaper and you can find photos, news and gossip about famous people. Where does the press get this information from? Some journalists follow celebrities everywhere they go and no doubt invade their private lives. My personal view is that famous people deserve more privacy than this.

To begin with, many athletes, actors or musicians become famous because of their jobs. Surely they also have the right to a day off alone with their friends or family.

Second, I personally feel that we should remember these people for what they do, for example, for being an amazing performer, rather than for what they wear to do their shopping or what they look like on a Sunday morning.

Finally, celebrities have feelings and emotions like us. Being surrounded by the press or chased down the street must be terrifying and is probably quite dangerous. They should be allowed to walk around freely without being bothered.


In conclusion, although some people might argue that fame comes with a price, I firmly believe that everyone has the right to a private life. I would go further to say that some journalists go to extremes to get their perfect story and we should do more to stop this.

2 Read the essay. Does the writer agree or disagree with the statement? Do they give one or both sides of the argument?

1. The writer agrees with the statement.

2. They give one side of the argument.

3 Match descriptions a–d with paragraphs 1–5.
Which description is used more than once?
Which one is not used? Why?

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| a | give an argument for and support it | 2, 3, 4 |
| b | give an argument against and support it |  |
| c | conclude by stating your opinion again | 5 |
| d | introduce the topic and state your opinion | 1 |

► Subskill: Organizing your essay

Organize your essay into four or five paragraphs: an introduction, two or three arguments in separate paragraphs and a conclusion. Use words like *First*, *Second*, *Finally* and *In conclusion* at the beginning of each paragraph to help the reader follow your argument.

4 Read the information on organizing your essay. Complete the table with the expressions in bold in the essay.

State an opinion	In my opinion My personal view I personally feel I firmly believe
Introduce an argument	First, To begin with Second Finally
Extend the argument	What's more, I'd like to add I would go further to say
Conclude	To sum up In conclusion

5 Read the essay question. Then order the paragraph beginnings to make an essay plan.

Some people think that it's unfair that celebrities earn much more than people in other important professions, like nurses or teachers. What do you think?

- a Second, many celebrities do not do much more than ... 3
- b Finally, everyone deserves the right to ... 4
- c To sum up, although some people would argue that we need celebrities, I firmly believe ... 5
- d Open up any gossip magazine and you can find stories about celebrities and their expensive lifestyles or their shopping sprees. But is this fair when others earn much less? I personally feel ... 1
- e First, people in professions such as nursing or teaching have studied ... 2



- 6** **Challenge** Complete the text with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

I have to cut down on the activities I do after school.

I don't want to give up piano classes because they're by far **1** _____ (**enjoyable**) activity I do. I was thinking of staying in the track and field club because it's a bit **2** _____ (**easy**) than swimming, though they say swimming is much **3** _____ (**good**) for you.

Swimming just isn't **4** _____ (**fun**) track and field. I had been thinking of joining the chess club because the classes start a bit **5** _____ (**late**) than my karate classes.

I think my dad would be far **6** happier (**happy**) if I didn't do either. I don't know what to do!