

Improving your English Writing

- Keep your copy in good condition, no doodling/dog-ears!!
- no need for “artwork”, best handwriting at all times
- Title and Date
- Plan at least 3 paragraphs beginning/introduction, middle or body of the essay and the conclusion/ending
- brainstorm with bullet points or a mindmap in back pages
- Paragraphs: don’t number, don’t skip lines,
- new paragraph starts on a new line just in from margin
- Spellings: to/too our/are we’re/were/where their/there
- Capital Letters: Bushy Park, Terenure Road East, names of movies/books etc (in speech marks)
- Proper Sentences: check and reread everything, does it make sense? don’t make sentences too long/rambling, a sentence can be as short as just two words

Avoid repetition, Instead of repeating **then** use words like **Next, Afterwards, Later, Soon, Immediately, After that, A few minutes later,**

Complete your essays half page minimum 150 words

A Rainy Day

3 paragraphs

1. Getting up, hearing/seeing the rain, breakfast
2. What you did during the day, what people said, how the rain looked/felt
3. Bedtime, before going to bed/ going to sleep

My Diary

Last Friday 18th November: how you felt?

Don’t use **THEN** use..... next, eventually, or an adverb like happily, sadly,
Don’t use **SAID** use.....

Discourse Markers: (Or good ways to start a sentence)

To Further an Argument	To Counter or balance an Argument	Sequencing	Concluding
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		Arguments	Arguments
Many people believe...	Others might argue/ say...	To begin with...	Naturally...
In addition to this...	Conversely...	In the first place...	Of course...
Additionally.....	However...	First and foremost....	Admittedly...
Similarly...	Although...	Primarily...	Certainly...
Equally...	On the other hand...	Firstly...	In conclusion...
Likewise...	Whereas...	Secondly...	Finally...
Also...	When measured against...	Thirdly...	Consequently...
As well as (<i>this</i>)...	Contrasting with...	Lastly...	When all (<i>of these</i>) factors are taken in to account...
Moreover...	On the contrary...	Finally...	Subsequently...
What's more...	Nevertheless...	After this it can be seen....	Therefore...
Furthermore...	On the other hand...		Thus...
In the same way...	In comparison...		We can conclude that...
This can also be (<i>seen to be</i>) true in...	The opposite effect is created in...		Finally, it can be seen...
Just as...	Nonetheless...		
In the same way...	Yet...		
For example...	Corresponding with this...		
For instance...	Correspondingly...		
By the same token...	On the contrary...		
Likewise...	In opposition to this...		
	In spite of this...		

When writing an exam answer or essay, try to use the ideas above to bring variety to your sentences!

Essay Titles:

stjosephsterenure.ie/mrring

<http://bogglesworldesl.com/creativewriting.htm>

http://www.englishdaily626.com/junior_english_essays.php?031

1. My Summer/ Christmas/ Halloween/Easter/St. Patrick's holidays
2. My First Teddy/Bicycle/toy car/football/ kit/
3. Learning to swim/cycle/play the piano/etc.
4. My Weekend/ Diary of a week
5. Washing the dishes/cleaning the house
6. Lost or mixed up your mum with someone else
7. An Exciting Trip
8. The Haunted House/The Old Castle
9. Looking for
10. Memories: My first day at school
11. Road safety
12. A visit to the dentist/doctor
13. Caught in a storm
14. An unforgettable experience
15. My Classmates
16. My favourite time of the day
17. My neighbours
18. My hobbies
19. A New Car/House/ Bicycle/ computer
20. A Picnic
21. A Day by the Sea/in the country/in the mountains
22. Sports Report
23. A birthday party
24. What a surprise
25. A Nasty surprise
26. My favourite TV programmes/characters
27. My favourite cartoons
28. An Accident
29. Movie/Book Reviews
30. A Robbery
31. A Busy Street
32. What I like/don't like about school
33. What a Victory!!
34. School Sports Evening

35. A train/aeroplane/ship journey
36. A trip to N/S Pole, Mt Everest, On The Titanic, Jungle
37. The day I lost my wallet/money/
38. Life story of a motorcycle/banana/
39. A visit to the market/city/my Uncle's house
40. My Grandma
41. Snow!!
42. An unpleasant experience
43. The weather
44. Places I like to visit /Places I would like to visit
45. People I admire
46. Pets
47. A frightful experience
48. Food: My Favourite Meals
49. Ooouch!!
50. Shopping with my Mum
51. Letter home from _____, to a penpal
52. Board games, computer games
53. A Wet Day
54. My Brothers/ Sisters/Parents/Friends
55. Future Plans
56. A Match I played/Watched
57. My Favourite Book, Movie, TV programme, Toy
58. An Amusing incident
59. A Long Wait
60. Mission Impossible?
61. Dublin
62. My Street
63. A Bus/Train/Plane journey
64. Morning time
65. Life on the Farm
66. Aliens
67. Time Machine

Change the title if you like, maybe when you have finished writing you might think of a better title than the one you started with

- Being lost, scared or alone
- Doing something exciting or achieving something notable('the best day of my life was . . .')
- Animals I like
- Taking a holiday
- Having an adventure
- Being in a city or in the countryside
- A surprising spy
- Removed
- Break time at school
- My favourite memories
- A farewell party
- An attempted robbery
- It was a while before I realised my cat could talk
- Moving House
- I don't know what that noise was
- The new pupils
- The storm
- The Burglary/Robbery
- My Brilliant Idea
- Visiting Relatives
- The Balloon
- The school rules
- Panic
- A person/place that inspires you
- Your favourite day out
- What makes a good friend?
- Describe the scene and the activities at a bus/train station or airport.
- How does the life of your generation differ from that of your grandparents?
- Is life too hectic to enjoy fully?

What if...

What would happen if you could fly whenever you wanted? When would you use this ability?

What would happen if there were no television? Why would this be good? bad?

What would happen if everyone lived in space? What type of houses would they live in? What type of clothing would they wear? What type of food would they eat? How would they travel?

What if cows gave orange juice instead of milk?

What if all the streets were rivers? What would be different?

What would happen if people never co-operated? Why do you think it is important to co-operate?

What would happen if it really did rain cats and dogs?

What would happen if animals could talk? What are some of the questions you would like to ask animals?

What would happen if you could become invisible whenever you wanted to? What are some of the things you could do that you cannot do now?

What would happen if everyone wore the same clothes?

What would happen if you threw a piece of trash on the ground? What if everyone did?

What if you could walk up walls and across ceilings?

What would happen if you loved your neighbour as yourself? What if everyone did?

What would happen if you grew taller than trees? How would this change your life?

What would happen if children ruled the world?

What would happen if there were no cars, buses, trains, boats, or planes? How would this change your life?

What if everyone lived under water? Where would people live? What games would children play? What would school be like?

What would happen if you found gold in your backyard?

What would you do if a bully bothered you on your way home?

What would you do if you did very poorly of a test?

What would you do if a friend borrows things from you but never returns them?

What would you do if You were the teacher and everyone forgot his homework?

What would you do if you were in the middle of the lake and your boat began to leak?

What would you do if Your friend had a broken leg? How would you cheer him up?

What would you do if you saw little bugs in your salad?

What would you do if you woke up in another country and no one could understand you?

What would you do if you ordered an ice cream cone and you forgot to bring money?

What would you do if someone got in front of you when you were in line at the movies?

What would you do if your jelly sandwich fell upside down on the floor?

What would you do if only one hot dog is left and neither you nor your friend have had one?

What would you do if two of your best friends went to the movies without inviting you?

What would you do if the surprise party was for you but you weren't surprised?

What would you do if you got a present you didn't like?

What would you do if you were at home and your homework was at school?

What would you do if you dropped the cookie jar and it broke?

What would you do if you were invited to two parties on the same day?

What would you do if you promised to feed your pet and you didn't?

What would you do if someone said you did something wrong and you didn't?

What would you do if your new shoes felt fine in the store but now they are hurting?

What would you do if someone told you a joke that you don't think is funny?

What would you do if an hour before the party you remember you don't have a gift?

What would you do if a friend comes to your house and his/her mom doesn't know he's/she's there?

What would you do if you had four math problems marked wrong that were right?

What would you do if you found in the street?

What would you do if you found a magic wand?

What would you do if you wanted to be friends with someone who spoke no English?

What would you say if someone told you it was all right to steal from a large department store?

What would you do if you saw a friend cheating--report it, confront the friend, nothing--and why?

If you could have been someone in history, who would you have been?

If you could only take 3 people with you on a trip around the world, who would you take and why?

If you could give any gift in the world, what would you give and to whom?

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

If you received any sum of money as a gift, what would you do with it?

If you could do whatever you wanted to right now, what would you do?

If you were principal of this school, what would you do?

If you were a mouse in your house in the evening, what would you see your family doing?

If you were five years older you would...

If you were lost in the woods and it got dark, what would you do?

If it were your job to decide what shows can be on t.v., how would you choose?

If there were no rules, what do you think would happen?

If you owned a store, what would you do to discourage people from stealing from you?

If you could participate in an Olympic event, which one would you choose and why?

If you could break the Guinness Book of Records it would be for?

If you had to describe yourself as a colour, which would you choose?

If your friend told you of a secret plan to run away from home, what would you do and why?

What do you think...

What do you think of 3D movies?

What do you think someone your age can do to help reduce the amount of pollution in our environment?

What do you think the world needs now?

What do you think your friends say to each other when you're not around?

What do you think about the amount of violence on T.V.?

What do you think about people polluting the environment?

What do you think about having set rules for people to follow?

What do you think about people who are inconsiderate of others?

What do you think should be done to keep people who are under the influence of alcohol off the road?

What do you think the world will be like when you are a grown up?

What do you think about ghosts?

What do you think of someone who has bad manners?

What do you think about people who take advantage of others?

What do you think about when you can't fall asleep?

What do you think courage means?

What do you think makes a good friend?

What do you think makes a happy family?

What pollutants do you think do the most damage and why?

What things do you think are beautiful?

What do you think about students having to wear school uniforms?

What is...

What is something you dislike about yourself?

What is something you do well?

What is your favourite room in your home and why?

What is a good neighbour?

What is the worst thing parents can do to their children?

What is your favourite time of day?

What is your idea of a dull evening?

What is the best way to treat meddlesome people?

What is something you are optimistic about?

What is something you are pessimistic about?

What is your most indispensable possession and why?

What is the meaning of "He laughs best who laughs last"?

What is your favourite song and why?

What is the best birthday present you ever received?

What is the best birthday present you could receive?

What is something that makes you feel sad?

What is your favourite book and why?

What is something that really bugs you?

What is something that really makes you angry?

What is the best advice you ever received?

What is your favourite holiday? What makes this holiday special?

What is your favourite day of the week?

What is your favourite month? Why?

How...

How do you feel when it's your birthday? Why?

How do you feel on the first day of winter? Why?

How would you feel if you were going to be on a show? Why?

How do you feel when you do something wrong?

How do you feel when you do something that is very good?

How do you feel when you play a trick on someone?

How would you feel if a new child moved into your neighbourhood?

How do you think the new child would feel?

How do you feel when you have had a fight with your best friend?

How do you think your friend felt?

How do you feel when you are in bed with the lights out?

How do you feel when you want something very badly and you cannot have it? Why is this so important to have?

How do you feel on a warm sunny day?

How do you feel when you stay with a babysitter?

How do you feel when you're leaving home on vacation?

How do you feel when you sleep at someone's house?

How do you feel during a thunderstorm?

How do you feel on the first day of school?

How do you feel when your parents are upset with you? Why do they become upset with you?

How do you feel on Thanksgiving? What are you thankful for?

How do feel on (any holiday)?

How do you feel when something scares you? What do you do when this happens?

How would you feel if someone told you that you were his or her best friend?

How do you feel about your appearance?

How would you change the world to make it better?

How do you think eating junk food affects you?

How do you have the most fun--alone, with a large group, with a few friends--and why?

Explain how to play your favorite game.

How would you describe your house to someone who has never visited there before?

I wish...

I wish I had a million... Then I would...
I wish I had one... because
I wish I could be like.... This person is special because....
I wish to be a _____ when I grow up. Then I will....
I wish there were a law that said..... This would be a good law because....
I wish I could forget the time I because....
I wish trees could..... because....
I wish I could see..... because....
I wish I could learn..... because....
I wish I didn't have to eat..... I don't like this food because.....
I wish everyone would learn to Then everyone would.....
I wish I never.....
I wish I had one more chance to..... Then I would.....
I wish there was an electric.....
I wish I had enough money to.....
I wish everyone loved.....
I wish all children would.....
I wish everyone had.....
I wish I could touch.....
I wish animals could..... If they could, then.....
I wish I looked like.... because.....
I wish there were no more.....
I wish I didn't have to.....
I wish I could go to.....
I wish there really was..... If there really was, then.....
I wish I could hear.....
I wish I could give.....
If all my wishes came true, I would.....

Writing Prompts/Journal Topics

When...

When...

When you are angry, how do you look?

When are you happiest?

When have you felt lonely?

When do you feel proud?

When was the last time you cried and why?

When a friend was in an embarrassing situation, what did you do?

When it might hurt their feelings, how do you feel about telling your friends the truth?

When might it be bad to be honest?

When someone picks on someone else, how do you feel? What do you do?

Once, when you were very frightened, what happened?
Once, when you were embarrassed, what happened?
Once, when your feelings were hurt, what happened?
Describe a time when you felt vengeful.
When you have a problem who do you talk to? Why?
Which...
Which quality best describes your life--exciting, organised, dull--and why?
Which quality do you dislike most about yourself--laziness, selfishness, childishness--and why?
Which place would you most like to visit--Africa, China, Alaska--why?
Which holiday has the most meaning for you--Canada Day, Thanksgiving, Valentines Day--and why?
Which is least important to you--money, power, fame--and why?
Which is most important to you--being popular, accomplishing things, being organised--and why?
Which is your favourite Star Wars character (or other movie/book/t.v. show, etc.)? Why?

Why...
Why is it important to be honest?
Why is important to have good manners?
Why do you think adults smoke/drink?
Why is exercise important to someone your age?
Why do you think some people encourage others to smoke/drink?
Why do you think the rules you must follow are good or bad?
Why would it be good to be honest?
Why have men and women usually only done certain types of work?
Why should or shouldn't a man stay home to care for the house and children while his wife goes to work?
Why do you think some people take advantage of others?
Why do you think prejudice exists in the world?
Why would we say that someone is "passing the buck"?
Why do you think tact is an important quality?
Why is it not wise to squander your money?
Explain why we say, "dead as a door nail".
Think of your favourite toy. Why do you like it best?
Think of the best teacher you ever had. Why were they a good teacher?
Misc....
Do you think there is too much fighting on t.v. Why or why not?
Does it bother you to be around someone who has bad manners?

Should there be a dress code in places such as school, restaurants, and places of business? Why or why not?
Should animals be used for medical research?
Should the Government financially support Olympic teams?
Should people be prohibited from smoking in certain places?
Families are important because...
Would you like to be famous? Why or why not? What would you like to be famous for?
Who or what has had a strong influence in your life?
Where would you prefer to be right now--mountains, desert, beach--and why?
Should you have to do chores around the house? Why or why not?
Should you be required to wear a bike helmet? Why or why not?
Should skateboards be allowed on sidewalks?
Where do you think we should go on our class fieldtrip this year? Why?
Should you have to take tests in school?
Can television (or videogames) influence your behaviour? How?
Should schools be year-round?
Should junk food be banned from schools?
Should students be required to learn a second language?

List of essay/debate topics

Another list of essay topics
at essays4free.blogspot.com

School:

- * Do you think that **homework should be abolished**? Discuss its value.
- * Should teachers give pupils **too much homework**? Discuss.

- * The importance of **examinations** (uncategorized)
- * **Examination day** often makes many pupils worry. Do you agree?
- * Why **examinations are important** (uncategorized)

- * Talk about the **subject** you consider most important
- * **What subject** you like best in school?
- * **The subject I enjoy** learning (uncategorized)

- * Describe the **first day of your school**
- * **The first day at school** probably had been much impressed on your life.
- * Give an account of the **end of the term**.

* **School life** is the most difficult time but it also keeps many joys for us. Do you agree?

* My **school** (uncategorized)

* Describe **your schoolmates** and whom do you like best.

* Talk about your experiences as a **school prefect**.

* What do you think of the use and abuse of **private tuition**?

* What do you think of the important role of the **teaching of crafts** in the school?

* What makes **an ideal teacher**: Give your opinion.

* Talk about your **teacher of English**

* My **teacher** (uncategorized)

* Write about the kind of **work which you hope** to do when you leave the school.

* Today there is some changes in **the educational system**. How should we change to raise the quality of teaching?

* Suppose you could go to school where you wanted to. **Which school** would you choose and why?

* Living in an apartment instead of a college dormitory gain advantages and disadvantages. Discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of **apartment living** and give your opinion.

* For students, **purchasing or renting a home**? Give your opinion.

* Nowadays, everybody is very fond of **learning a foreign language**. However, successful men are seldom. In your opinion, what is the basic factor?

* From what you have learned about English civilization, write an essay on **England and the English** (the land, its history, tradition and people)

* In your opinion, what is the most difficult skill of **studying English**

* **Which language** do you think has made the greatest contribution to the promotion of **better understanding** among the people of the world?(uncategorized)

* The kind of **books we should read**. Give your opinion.

* Today, there are many books to read. What do you think of the **choice of books**?

* Talk about the value of **libraries**.

* Talk about the **habit of reading** in some students

- * **Why I like to go to school** (uncategorized)
- * Why we should **study science** (uncategorized)
- * Why I want to **learn English** (uncategorized)

Society and its problems

- * "**Money** is the root of all evil". Give your opinion.
- * What do you think of the **opinion polls**?
- * How should people protect and preserve the **natural resources**?
- * **Life in the city**
- * Living in a **multiracial community**
- * Why is **agriculture** important in the world of today?
- * Talk about **crimes** in society
- * **Liberty** - freedom (uncategorized)
- * The role of **the police force** in society (uncategorized)
- * **Flood** in a town (uncategorized)

People or personal characteristics

- * Give a comment about the **uses of the hobby**.
- * Tell about your **hobby in free time**.
- * Talk about the hobbies of your two **close friends**.
- * Talk about **the person you hate** most.
- * Talk about the habit of **smoking cigarettes**
- * Talk about **A heroic deed**.
- * How do **Hearing-Impaired** people talk? Discuss.
- * Talk about **good manners** (uncategorized)
- * Why should we have **good manners**? (uncategorized)
- * Talk about the **things you like most**. (uncategorized)
- * How do you spend your **time after school**? (uncategorized)
- * Describe the **things you enjoy doing** (uncategorized)
- * About **yourself** (introduce yourself) (uncategorized)
- * **Human and courage** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about your **favorite author** (uncategorized)
- * My **best friend** (uncategorized)
- * My **favorite game (sport)** - football (uncategorized)

Entertainment:

- * Give an account of a visit to a **book exhibition**.
- * An **interesting program** which you heard on the **radio**.
- * Give one of the activities you like to do in your **spare time**
- * Talk about **the film** you like best.
- * Talk about the **value of music** in the happiness of man
- * Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of the **cinema**
- * Discuss the appeal of a **science fiction**
museums/ tourism/

Career:

- * What should we do to make a good impression at a **job interview**?
- * What is the job of a **human resources manager**?
- * **What career** would you like to choose after leaving school? (**Teacher**)
- * **Journalism** as a career (uncategorized)
- * The work of **a farmer** (uncategorized)
- * What in your opinion are the **qualities of a good judge**? (uncategorized)

Family:

- * The difference between my **father** and my younger **brother** in the family.

Travel:

- * What is **flight booking** like?
- * What **means of traveling** you choose for your trip?
- * Is **traveling** an educative experience? Discuss.
- * Tell about a visit to a **famous city**
- * Talk about an **adventure in a forest**
- * Describe some of the interesting **places in your country**
- * Talk about **the country you would like to visit**. (uncategorized)

- * The **country I would like to visit** (uncategorized)
- * **Travel** is a means of education (uncategorized)
- * Talk about **a journey by train** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about a visit to **a zoo**. (uncategorized)
- * Describe what you saw and enjoyed during **a visit to a zoo**(uncategorized)
- * How you spent **your last holiday** (uncategorized)
- * **A picnic** I enjoyed (uncategorized)

Life:

- * Talk about an **unusual opportunity** you had
- * Talk about **an incident** you will never forget.
- * A **frightful accident** I have seen (uncategorized)
- * Talk about **an accident** I have witnessed (uncategorized)
- * Talk about a **horrible sight** you experienced.
- * Talk about the **rights and duties of a citizen**
- * Talk about **your days in hospital** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about **a frightening experience** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about a **mysterious thing** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about **a narrow escape** (uncategorized)
- * A **narrow escape** (uncategorized)
- * An **interesting fight** I have seen (uncategorized)
- * **Frightened by a ghost** (uncategorized)
- * How I helped to catch **thieves** (uncategorized)
- * A monkey in my room (an **exciting experience**) (uncategorized)
- * **Frightened** by buffaloes (uncategorized)
- * A **building on fire** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about **life in the village** (uncategorized)
- * **Living in a city** (uncategorized)
- * A **frightful experience** (uncategorized)
- * A **mystery** (uncategorized)
- * **If I had a thousand dollars** (uncategorized)
- * **An interesting story** I have heard (uncategorized)
- * Describe an **unpleasant dream** that you have had. (uncategorized)
- * **A thief** in my room (uncategorized)
- * Frightened by a snake on my body (**A frightening experience**)(uncategorized)
- * An **exciting event** (uncategorized)

Knowledge:

- * Describe **a pet** which you have kept.
- * An **autobiography of a car** (uncategorized)

- * Discuss **science** and its effects.

- * Talk about the importance of **newspaper** (uncategorized)
- * The importance of **reading newspaper**. (uncategorized)

- * **"News travels fast"**. Discuss (uncategorized)
- * **"Fire** is a good servant, but a bad master". Discuss. (uncategorized)
- * Talk about the importance of **agriculture** (uncategorized)
- * Talk about **World Trade**. (uncategorized)
- * Talk about the importance of **good roads in a country**(uncategorized)
- * Talk about **rainy season** (uncategorized)
- * Express your opinion on the importance of **studying Geography**.(uncategorized)

- * Talk about the **importance of rivers** (uncategorized)
- * **"Water is important** to all living things". Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your opinion. (uncategorized)
- * Talk about the importance of **water** (uncategorized)
- * The **importance of water** (uncategorized)

- * **Beauty in nature** (uncategorized)

- * The value of **education** (uncategorized)
- * **Mathematics** is essential to progress of human (uncategorized)
- * What contributions can **writers make to the promotion of goodwill** among the people of a country? (uncategorized)
- * Do you think that the **United Nations Organization perform a useful function in promoting peace and happiness** in the world?(uncategorized)
- * "Great **literature belongs not to one age but to all ages**; not to one country but all countries". Discuss. (uncategorized)

- * Discuss the view that **tolerance is essential for peace and harmony** in any community or country. (uncategorized)
- * **Literary education** is preferable to a **scientific education** today?(uncategorized)
- * Which **period in the history** of your country do you find most inspiring? Discuss the features in that period which appeal to you most.(uncategorized)
- * "It is essential to progress that each **generation shall rebel against the ideas of the generation before** it." Discuss. (uncategorized)

New essays:

We haven't put the new essays in the category lists yet.

* “Studies of **Geography can make a great contribution** to the service of man”

Discuss.

* “The **luxuries of today** are the necessities of tomorrow”. Discuss.

* What contributions can studies of **Economics make to the extension of world trade?**

* A frightful **dream**

* A **street quarrel** I have seen

* An **unpleasant dream** I once had

* A **sad event**

* An **unpleasant night**

* **A robbery** I have seen

* Caught in **a storm**

* The **radio**

* The **use of television**

* The **market in my town**

* A **visit to an estate**

* How I **learned to swim**

* The **person I like most**

* The **things I dislike** the most

* Should **women carry out the combat duty?** Discuss.

* **Advertising** is a way to draw the attention of the public. Discuss.

* Describe a **sports-meeting**.

* “It is always a pity when a man’s **education alienates him from his own people**”. Discuss.

* **Frightened by fierce natives**

* How an **animal saved me from death**

* Imagine that you live in a village. **Describe your village.**

* Imagine that **you are a dog**. Tell something about **your self**.

* A **visit to a hospital**.

* Why we should **travel**.

* The **pleasures of living in a village**.

* All forms of **gambling** should be abolished. Discuss.

* “**To overeat** is as great as the evil to starve”. Discuss.

* Throughout history, men have been willing to **fight and die for freedom**. Why? Discuss.

- * Should parents who have more than one child **treat all of their children** in exactly the same way? Give reasons for your view.
- * Tell about the **memories of your childhood**?
- * Talk about what you hope to **achieve in adult life**.
- * Do you think **our life is better** than it was for our forefathers?
- * Describe **the farm** you visit.
- * Some people enjoy **living in the country** but others prefer big **city life**. Compare these two places and give your opinion.
- * A **birthday** I celebrated
- * The type of **stories I like** to read
- * The **worst accident** I have seen
- * **What I wish to be** when I grow up.
- * **An incident** I shall never forget.
- * How I learned to **ride a bicycle**.
- * What is the cause of obesity? Discuss.
- * “Many of man would reach a greater height if he had more depth”. Discuss the view.
- * “Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact man.” Write influence do you think reading, conversation and writing have in making you a citizen of the world?
- * What should the youth do on the move of society today? Discuss.
- * What do you think the value of being a vegetarian?
- * People who look for excitement and danger are foolish. Do you agree?
- * In your opinion, should there be school for pupils during weekends as well?
- * What would you do if you were at the scene of a serious road accident?

- * Tell about a camping night you remember best
- * What do you think of football scholarship?
- * “A switch in time saves nine” Discuss this sentence.
- * What do you think of the defense?
- * “Today, girls dress like boys and young men look like women”. Give your opinion.
- * Is patriotism outmoded today? Discuss.
- * “Necessity is the mother of invention.” Discuss this proverb.
- * Talk about your impression on roaches.
- * Give your opinion about instinct and reason
- * You have been away from home on some occasion. Tell your feelings on leaving.
- * “Slow and steady wins the race”. Comment this sentence.
- * What is a gentleman?
- * “He alone can command who knows how to obey”. Explain this sentence.
- * What do you think of the useless trifles?
- * Describe a journey by car, train, ship etc, which was particularly memorable for some reason, either good or bad
- * Comment on this statement of Guyau: “After our parents, it is to our teacher that we owe the most”
- * “A man is known by the company he keeps”. Explain this statement and comment on it.
- * Explain this saying and comment on it: “Work helps us escape from three evils: Boredom, vice and poverty”.
- * 1995 was eventful year. Describe one of the events you consider the most significant to you.

- * What responsibility do societies have for the poor?
- * Unemployment is a serious problem in many countries today. What can be done about it?
- * Suppose you are a lazy boy. Your father advises you to study hard. Tell about what he talks.
- * In your opinion, what are the lessons learned from school life?
- * How does the gambling affect the society?
- * What is culture and what is the influences of culture?
- * What is poetry? Discuss.
- * What is food? Give its importance.
- * Commerce as a means of spreading civilization. Discuss
- * Women should be restricted to work connected with the home and children. They should not engage in politics, commerce or industries. Do you agree?
- * Talk about a shopping day
- * The world does not progress, it merely changes. Do you agree this view?
- * Describe a bridge you know well.
- * Describe a day spent by the river or by the sea.

Describe your first day at school as a child

Describe the house you are living in

Describe a village you know well

Describe a visit to an interesting exhibition

Describe a visit you have made to a factory

Describe your best friend and tell why you like him or her

The difficulties in learning English and how to overcome them

Your father advises you to study hard. Tell about what he talks

All forms of gambling should be abolished

Girls dress like boys and young men look like women

He alone can command who knows how to obey

How gambling affect society

How I learned to ride a bicycle

An ideal education system

What is food? And give its importance

The important role of newspaper and magazines in our lives

An incident I shall never forget

What is culture and what are the influences of culture

Give your opinion about instinct and reason

What are the lessons learned from school life?

Our life is better than it was for our forefathers

Some people enjoy living in the country but others prefer big city life

Life in the city, compared with life in the country

What science has done to make our lives easier and more comfortable

Tell about the memories of your childhood

Men have been willing to fight and die for freedom

My birthday I celebrated

Necessity is the mother of invention

You have been away from home on some occasion

To overeat is as great as the evil to starve

Should parents who have more than one child treat all of their children in exactly the same way

Is patriotism outmoded today?

People who look for excitement and danger are foolish. Do you agree?

Reading, conference and writing make a full man

The reasons for your study of English and the ways you have been learning it

The reason why the young people prefer to live in town

A shopping day

Slow and steady wins the race

A switch in time saves nine

The type of stories I like to read

What do you think of football scholarship?

What do you think the value of being a vegetarian?

Would you prefer an expensive wedding with lots of guests or a simple one?

What you hope to achieve in adult life?

What is a gentleman?

What is poetry?

What would you do if you were at the scene of a serious road accident?

What do you think of the defense?

What do you think of the useless trifles?

Which part of your country would you prefer to live in

Women should be restricted to work connected with the home and children. They should not engage in politics, commerce or industries. Do you agree?

The world does not progress, it merely changes

Worst accident I have seen

You tell a foreigner about your beloved homeland

Tell about a camping night you remember best

Your favorite hobby

Talk about your impression on roaches

Your most embarrassing experience

Your most frightening experience

What should the youth do on the move of society today. Discuss

Describe some useful ways in which computers have so far contributed to our modern life.

Failure is the mother of success

Family is a very good school

How can I become the person I want to be?

Health or wealth? Which do you think is more valuable – health or wealth? Give your reason.

Supposing you were the only survivor of a shipwreck and were washed up on a deserted island.

To overeat is as great as the evil to starve

There is no place like home

The house where I am living

My daily activities

My family

My hobbies

My mother

My school

My weekend

Computer has made life easier?

Has the ease of cooking improved people's life?

My favorite TV Programs

Are parents best teachers?

With a big sum of money, will you purchase a house or decide to run your own business?

Why people should go to university?

Are books more important than experience?

Should a factory be built in your community?

Men's enemy in the world of nature

Neither physics nor chemistry could have reached its present level without mathematics

Parents' views and Young persons' thoughts about the world

Talk about an ideal house

A house I would like to live in

Talk about your friend's family

Talk about the life of a farmer

Talk about a trishaw rider

Talk about a Aerospace Exhibition

Underwater discovery

Night market

A fashion show

A wedding celebration

Fire drill

A day at the market.

A rainy morning

On a rainy day

Talk about a slow train journey.

Talk about a cable-car ride.

A bus ride

A place of great natural beauty.

A popular place in my town.

At the bus-stop

Talk about Shopping Centres

Describe Singapore science centre

An interesting place you enjoyed visiting

My favorite haunt

when I am angry...

Talk about your diary.

Talk about Chinese new year.

Talk about Mothers' day.

Describe a teachers' day.

Describe a Sports day.

Describe your school sports day.

Talk about an interesting cat.

Talk about your new neighbors.

Talk about your neighbors.

Talk about your home

Talk about your hometown.

Talk about your country.

Talk about your two interesting classmates.

Describe a popular person in your own age group

Talk about your new friend

Talk about your best friend

Talk about your good friend.

Talk about your classmates

Talk about your favorite teacher

Describe your school-shops

Talk about your school

Describe your school

Who are you? Talk about yourself.

Talk about yourself

Describe your perfect house

Describe a thunderstorm

Describe an evening on the beach

Describe the scene in my town early in the morning

Describe the sounds of nature heard in my area

Describe the sights, sounds and smells along a busy street

Describe the sights, sound and smells along a deserted country lane

Describe the scene at a crowded food center

Describe the scene in a shopping complex

Describe a school mid-morning break

Describe your family at home in evenings

Describe the beauty of nature

A burglary I witnessed

A pickpocket I witnessed

A robbery I witnessed

A robbery at a late cold night

When I am kidnapped...

Experience of being kidnapped

Describe a fire in the hospital

A fire accident I have witnessed

An embarrassing moment

A frightening experience

Lost in a strange place

An unlucky incident i had witnessed

Incident in a sleepless night

An air accident

A freak accident

Accident in the laboratory

Class duty

A week before examination

The day I was sick

The day I was late for school

The happiest day in my life

A day when everything went wrong

An unlucky day

A day I spent in strange surroundings

A small quarrel

A quarrel among friends

My experience in riding a bicycle

My first air travel

My first ride on a horse

A cruise

A class excursion

A picnic

The Masculism of “The Unbearable Lightness of Being” and the Feminism of “The Time of Doves”

American Sense and Sensibility: Let's Be Realist

An excursion to nearby islands

An evening in a luxurious boat

The national day parade

An unnecessary accident

An unusual incident

Daylight robbery

An accident

An accident at home

A bad habit

A blackout

A narrow escape

Courtesy begets courtesy

Honesty is the best policy

A lesson learnt

A good deed

A treasure hunt

A case of mistaken identity

An amusing incident

A priceless gift

A pleasant surprise

An unexpected meeting

Recalling my first day at school

My most precious possession

Retelling an old story

An Unforgettable Childhood Incident

An odd incident

The jealous reactions of one person to the success of a friend

A vivid dream

A mad dog

Grandparents

The day dad decided to do it himself

Being the odd one out

Acting as a substitute

Lost luggage

Dangerous companion

It was not such a good bargain after all

Capsized

The year 2990

If I had three wishes

An imaginary encounter

An autobiography of a watch

An autobiography of a pen

An autobiography of a butterfly

An autobiography of a dancing doll

An autobiography of a story book

My ambition

What will I do with my first salary

Fruits I like to eat

Things I like to do

Things I would like to do but am unable to or do not have time for

My favorite subject

What is your favorite subject?

Reading is fun

Interesting fight I have seen

Frightened by a ghost

How an animal save me from death

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Friendship - a man is known by the company he keeps

Work helps us escape from three evils: boredom, vice and poverty

Hobbies

My hobbies

My wish to become a scholar

My new-year resolution

The way I spend the first few days after examination

How do you relax when you are tired, nervous or angry

What is your favorite time of year?

What difficulties are you facing in choosing a career?

Mountaineering - mountain climber

Things you like and dislike about school

What changes your country within years

Write down your thoughts and feeling about your past life and what lies ahead

Home accidents and its preventions

“Save water” campaign – write about the scarcity of water and ways and means to save water.

The teachers’ contributions to the progress of a country

How to be successful in life

Keeping fit

What are the possible causes of child abuse?

Why are taxed

The duties of a citizen

Modes of traveling

The benefits of working for a living

Progress - its benefits and harms

Television its use and abuse

The advantages and disadvantages of the cinema

The advantages and disadvantages of a good memory

Causes of teenage smoking

The laser: Solution to many problems

Proficiency Examinations - Who needs them

The Advantages and Disadvantages of Attending Evening Classes

Is your city a much better place to live in today than 10 years ago?

What have you gained from University Education?

Fashions

Reducing traffic accidents

Qualities of a good teacher

Women between career and family life

How can a teacher help students enlarge their vocabulary?

The beneficial effects of games on language learning

One who is good at English grammar can write well in English?

Should all errors made by foreign language learners be corrected at any cost?

The goal of teachers who use the Communicative Approach is to have students become communicatively competent.

The advantages and disadvantages in teaching English to Adult Learners

The use of forests

The unselfish devotion of a housewife

Floods

Hospitality

Crowds

Drop it where it belongs

The problems faced by old people in our society

The clothes we wear

The rising cost of living

The ills of modern cities

Is a little knowledge dangerous?

Private tuition - Is it necessary?

Students study just to pass the examinations - Do you agree?

Education is very necessary. Do you agree?

School leavers should get some working experience before going for further studies

Physical education is important

Parents and children - Are there ways to improve understanding?

Women should be restricted to work connected with the home and children.

People who look for excitement and danger are foolish. Do you agree?

Honesty is the best policy

Advertisement are boring, unless, and often misleading

The twentieth century is an age of greed. Do you agree?

No room for true craftsmanship in the modern world of mass production

Storm caught

A nightmare

What I dislike most in people

Is family planning necessary?

What opportunities have you had at school or elsewhere of listening teacher and speaking English?

The advantages and disadvantages of co-education.

What career would you like to choose after leaving school?

I choose a career

Old age and youth

Library

I am proud of my country

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