**Activity 3**

**a)**

**Lemon sales rose by a quarter.**

**Banana sales fell by a third.**

**Plum sales halved.**

**Apricots sales tripled.**

**Pineapple sales rose by a quarter.**

**b)**

1. **DVD players approximately doubled.**
2. **CD players nearly fell by a quarter.**
3. **Televisions rose by around a quarter.**
4. **Radios rose by just over a quarter.**
5. **Video recorders approximately halved.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

***Some people think that art is an essential subject for children at school while others think it is a waste of time.***

***Discuss both views and give your opinion.***

These days, there is a divergence of opinions regarding the significance of art as a subject for children in schools. While some firmly believe that art should be considered a crucial subject for children in schools, others consider art as a futile use of time. In my opinion, art isn’t waste of time, instead, it’s helpful to not only explore one’s hobby but also cultivate a sense of aesthetic. This essay will discuss this issue using examples to supports arguments and demonstrate points.

First of all, teaching art at school can encourage children to explore whether they like art or not. The hobbies of most people are found in some arbitrary incidents, like swimming, which may develop from a swimming class or a trip near the sea. For instance, some artists, like Vincent van Gogh, Leonardo da Vinci, Banksy, etc., found themselves indulging in art a lot and considering becoming artists in the future, which might help to figure out children who want to be artists. Therefore, it’s apparent that teaching art at school is a worthwhile thing for children.

Furthermore, for children, learning art can cultivate a sense of aesthetics. In my experience, most people in Taiwan don’t have a sense of aesthetic, which leads to a lot of terrible ads and buildings surrounding our daily lives, but once people have a sense of aesthetic, things could change. A case in point is that people in Europe and America have a sense of aesthetics due to cultivating it from childhood on, and their streets and buildings have a more advanced beauty in comparison to other countries. Hence, it’s enough to see the importance of learning art to develop aesthetics at school.

In conclusion, art is totally not a waste of time since it can help children find out whether they indulge in art or not and also develop a sense of aesthetics by learning art. Therefore, children in the school should keep learning art instead of considering it a waste of time.