

Talking Points

- VI. Read this quotation about beauty and discuss with a classmate whether you agree or not. Write some notes on your discussion.

"I don't have perfect teeth; I'm not stick thin. I want to be the person who feels great in her body and can say that she loves it and doesn't want to change anything."

Emma Watson



Writer's Hub

An Opinion Essay

- VII. Use the notes from Exercise VI to write an opinion essay about the quotation by Emma Watson. Organize your ideas below.

Opinion Writing (Express your opinion by giving reasons and examples)

Topic: The importance of self-acceptance

My opinion: I agree with Emma Watson's stance, the main focus should not be physical perfection, but of the inner confidence and self-love

Reason & Example #1

Beauty standards are unattainable

Reason & Example #2

Self-love leads to better mental health

Reason & Example #3

Beauty ends

Conclusion: The main message is to stop seeking perfection and always seek happiness through self-love.

- VIII. Write your final draft in your notebook. Use the following tips:

Write your essay in clear paragraphs. Use phrases like *First of all*, *In addition*, *To sum up*, to start each paragraph.

Express your opinions using *I think*, *In my opinion*, *I believe*. Mention other perspectives and contrast them with yours.

Reading a Scientific Text

- I. Read the paragraphs and infer the meaning of the words below. Underline the correct answer.

When babies are born, they always have blue eyes. This is because the melanin, the pigment that colors the eyes, is not on the surface of the iris. Instead, it is within the creases of the iris. Because there is little melanin on the surface of the iris, the eyes appear blue.



1. The word *pigment* in line 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. skin
 - b. muscle
 - c. tissue
 - d. color
2. The word *surface* in line 3 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. top
 - b. inside
 - c. back
 - d. bottom



The chili pepper is native to the Americas, but nowadays it is found all over the world. It is an extremely popular spice in many cultures and is, in fact, the world's second favorite spice, after salt. There are more than a hundred species of chili peppers, some which are quite mild and others which are incredibly hot and spicy.

3. The word *favorite* in line 4 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. most popular
 - b. most delicious
 - c. best-known
 - d. most recognized
4. The word *species* in line 5 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. types
 - b. uses
 - c. variations
 - d. sizes

When cats become frightened of something, they run up a tree and then cry sadly until they are rescued. There is, in reality, a reasonable explanation for this type of behavior, and it has to do with the shape of the cat's claws. A cat's claws are hooked in a direction that makes climbing up a tree a rather easy task, but when they want to climb down, these claws are not very helpful.



5. The word *rescued* in line 2 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. left
 - b. saved
 - c. scared
 - d. tired
6. The word *hooked* in line 5 is closest in meaning to:
 - a. shortened
 - b. straightened
 - c. sharpened
 - d. curved

V. Read an excerpt from an interview with Jason Momoa about the movie *Aquaman*.

Jason Momoa as Aquaman

by Rüdiger Sturm

Interviewer: In *Aquaman*, you play the heir to the throne of the underwater kingdom of Atlantis. What do you think makes a good king?

Jason Momoa: Compassion, strength, vulnerability, and love. It takes all of that to be a king. You have to think of others, take care of them, and be selfless.

Interviewer: So are you a king?

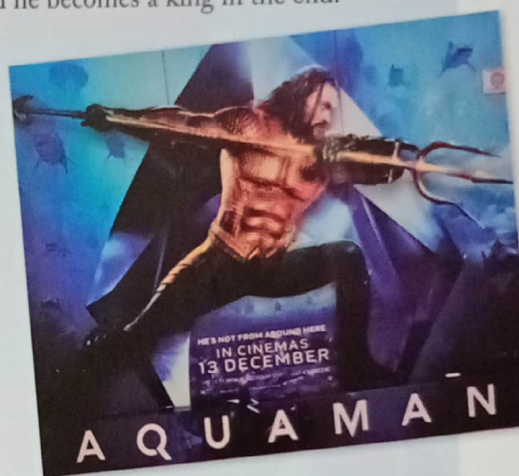
Jason Momoa: Not really, but I'm working on it. It's about believing in yourself and knowing the beauty you have inside. My character in *Aquaman* goes on a hero's journey and he becomes a king in the end.

Interviewer: Have you had any real-life adventures in the ocean?

Jason Momoa: Once, I went on a big surfing trip and nearly drowned—my friends couldn't get to me because the waves were too big. It was terrifying. I prayed to my ancestors, to my grandmother and grandfather. It was only when I hit a reef in the middle of the ocean that I managed to dig my feet in so my friends could see where I was and get to me.

Interviewer: You studied marine biology in college. What prompted that decision?

I'm just a fan of nature, of the world, of the Earth. I wanted to spend my life trying to save the oceans, working with animals, and trying to find cures for diseases. It's tough because there are so many things to do in this lifetime: my artistic career, being a father, giving back what I owe this Earth as a human being. I want to bring awareness and solutions—that's why I'm working with a charity organization called WATERisLIFE. It's about getting fresh water to people in need, cleaning the oceans, and stopping the waste and plastics that we use in our everyday lives.



VI. Write an article reporting the questions and answers given in the previous interview.

- The interviewer asked Jason Momoa if he had ever had any real-life adventures in the ocean.
- Jason Momoa replied that he had gone on a big surfing trip once and had nearly drowned - his friends couldn't get to him because the waves were too big. He said it had been terrifying. He had prayed to his ancestors, grandmother and grandfather.

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VII. Discuss with a classmate the interview you read. Tell each other what you remember from it.

