

Topic 168	Imagine that you are preparing for a trip. You plan to be away from your home for a year. In addition to clothing and personal care items, you can take one additional thing. What would you take and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.
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1. Brainstorming
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2. Outlining
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring everything : convenient, no anxiety, no fun - less necessities, more enjoyable - Opinion : laptop • Body <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. access to entertainments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stamina : can't afford traveling for the whole day - mind : get bored when continuing for too much time - another type of mental relax 2. maintain contacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - family concern about the safety of the traveler - might consider disappeared 3. research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - internet, documents available • Conclusion

3. Essay Writing

For some people who challenge leaving their home for over a year, bringing every necessity and some entertainments would be the best choice. This guarantees convenience and they don't need to feel anxiety for lacking food or money though, this cannot ensure fun and enjoyment. I believe that the less necessities there are brought to the trip, the more enjoyable it becomes, and the laptop shouldn't be ruled out from them as a minimal necessity. Discussions below support my opinion.

First and foremost, laptop is one of few necessities that is able to access to entertainments. Although the purpose of the trip is to gain mental cure and pleasure, travelers will feel tediousness when persisting this for an entire day. Limited stamina also make it impossible for people to spend a whole day moving around places to places. Continuing this for a year, it is very likely that the traveler will have gained fatigue rather than cure. Accordingly, another type of mental cure, which is an entertainment, is integral for these people with relaxing time.

Second of all, laptop enables the travelers to maintain contacts with their family or nearby friends. Although leaving for more than a year may be considered a minor thing for the traveler himself, this is a crucial factor of concern especially for their family members. If there is no any contact between the traveler and his family for a long time, they might consider that the traveler has disappeared. Thus, making a contact is one of the essential jobs for him to complete during the period of traveling.

Last but not least, laptop is helpful when trying to get information about tourist attractions or determining future trip plan. Access to the internet and using functions including documents are readily available in laptops. Although the traveler may be a vagabond and wander around places without a designated destination, information that he must be aware of exists such as locations of certain facilities, and conducting preliminary research with the formation of future traveling plan will probably increase the overall quality of the trip.

In short, if only one material is allowed to bring additionally, I would choose to include the laptop, due to its utility in relaxing, contacting, and researching.

4. Speaking

In my personal preference, laptop would be the most adequate material to bring to the trip additionally.

First, a laptop can readily access to a variety of entertainments. Although the main purpose of the trip is to gain pleasure and mental cure, excessive amount of the activity will make the traveler feel tedious. Thus, they need something to refresh their mind and have some time to relax.

Second, a laptop also provides functions to contact with others. This is integral for a long-period travelers since their absence may be a big concern for their family members or nearby friends.