

Worksheet 1

Correct the following errors

Art have always been significant in society

Art play an important role in a student's education

Significance of developing these skills should not be undervalued

Teachers must to nurture these skills in young people

If these skills will die out, art will disappear from our lives

When I was at school, I have really enjoyed my art classes

When I was young, we learn how to paint and I draw many pictures

Art is more important as other subjects

We will regretted it if art disappears from society

Many person enjoy creating art pieces

Always I have art in my mind

Worksheet 2

Children are exposed to too much unsuitable content on television today. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

- 1. Brainstorm with your partner. Think about what main ideas you would include in your paragraphs and what examples you would include.**
- 2. Look at the paragraph below. How many ideas/examples did you include in your brainstorm?**

There is no doubt that children are influenced by the television. However, appropriate parental control should ensure that this influence is kept under control. Despite the fact that most channels advise that their content is only suitable for adults after a certain time, many parents ignore this advice. Even though the content is clearly unsuitable because of its violent or sexual content, many children gain access to this material. This may be due to the fact that they have televisions in their rooms, or because parents are too busy to constantly monitor their viewing habits. Even though I agree that this can be challenging, I firmly believe that this is part of a parent's responsibilities.

- 3. Underline any examples of linking within the paragraph (e.g. although)**
- 4. Which linking expressions do we use to show a contrast?**
- 5. Which linkers are used to give reasons?**

Worksheet 2

- 6. Read the information about linkers below and choose the correct option to complete the rules.**

After in spite of and despite we use

- A) a noun or a pronoun
- B) a verb
- C) that + subject + verb

After although/even though we use

- A) a subject and a verb
- B) a noun or a pronoun
- C) past simple verb

After because of/due to we use

- A) a noun/pronoun
- B) past simple verb
- C) that + subject + verb

- 7. Which words can be followed with 'the fact that + subject + verb**

- 8. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences**

- 1) It is a useful facility even though that it closes too early
- 2) Although working very hard, he didn't manage to pass the exam.
- 3) The school was great although the library was very nice.
- 4) It is still a valid argument in spite of the drawbacks were
- 5) Despite the high number of complaints, but it was a successful exhibition
- 6) Despite have all the necessary qualifications, they didn't offer me the job.
- 7) Due to that we had a high number of cancellations the event is closed
- 8) Many exhibitions are unsuccessful because their poor location

- 8. Now write a paragraph using your plan. Try to use the linking expressions from today's class**

Worksheet 2

Answers

4. Although, even though, however, despite, in spite of
5. because of/due to
6. A, A, A – students may need some help with the meaning of noun phrase here. They may also need help with the idea that a gerund is not a verb.
7. Because of/due to/despite/in spite of
8.
 - 1) It is a useful facility even though it closes too early
 - 2) Despite/in spite of working very hard, he didn't manage to pass the exam.
 - 3) The school was great although the library was not very nice.
 - 4) It is still a valid argument in spite of the drawbacks
 - 5) Despite the high number of complaints, it was a successful exhibition
 - 6) Despite having all the necessary qualifications, they didn't offer me the job.
 - 7) Due to the fact that we had a high number of cancellations the event is closed
 - 8) Many exhibitions are unsuccessful because of their poor location

Worksheet 3

Example answers

- 1. Look at the example writing task. It is an answer to Task 3 – Reading into writing (from page 7 of [ISE II Sample paper 2](#)). Read the response and decide if it is a good response. Why/why not?**

Train your brain

Now that we have smartphones to help us to remember appointments, birthdays and people's contact details, we need our memories less and less. Research has shown just how incredible our memories are. You might be surprised to discover some of the things our brains are capable of.

We use all of our senses to help us remember. On a first meeting with someone, we might leave with a memory of how they smelt, or what their voice sounded like.

In actual fact, although sight and hearing are helpful, we are much more likely to remember things that involve physical activity, or require us to teach things to other people.

Did you know that information can still be processed by your brain when you are sleeping? Maybe schools will soon be a thing of the past, and all our learning will take place while we're getting forty winks!

Worksheet 3

- 2. Now read the answer to Task 4 (from page 10 of [ISE II Sample paper 2](#)). Is it a good response? Why/why not?**

Sport plays an important role in society. From football to athletics, the world loves nothing more than cheering on their favourite sportsperson. However, some people believe that sport is not important in society and that people should focus on more serious matters, such as politics. This essay will explore this topic.

One argument for sport is that it brings people together. Watching a football match is an excellent way for a family to spend quality time together. Furthermore, supporting the same team can help strengthen the bond between family members. However, if a family do not support the same team, this can create tensions.

On the other hand, some supporters of sport, especially football hooligans, cause many problems in society. These fans often get involved in fights after matches and can be a menace to society. Despite this, I do not believe that all sports fans should be associated with this troublesome minority.

In conclusion, although there are some people whose behaviour ruins sporting events, most sports fans really benefit from this hobby. For this reason, I firmly believe in its merits.

Worksheet 4

Portfolio tasks list

Sample 1

Your local government is planning to sell some of the land around your school or college to a local company to build a new car park. Write a letter to the local government explaining why you disagree with the plan and suggest another location for the car park.

Sample 2

Your class has been discussing whether it is important to keep national customs and traditions alive. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion.

Sample 3

An international magazine wants students around the world to write an article on their early memories of school life. In your article you should describe a favourite memory. Say how you felt at the time and say why it is special to you.

Sample 4

A group of foreign students is planning to visit your town. The group organiser has asked you to write a report on places to visit. You should describe some of the good and bad point of each place and finish with your personal recommendation.

Sample 5

You recently visited the local sports centre and were not happy with the facilities. Write a letter to the manager giving details of your experience and why you were unhappy.

Sample 6

A friend in Canada is coming to study in your country and has asked you to send some information. In your letter you should describe student life in your town or village and offer advice about where to live and what to do.

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