

Text 1:

In my opinion, the government **ought to** provide free **childcare** for everyone who needs it. Families **shouldn't have to** spend their money on **nurseries** so they can go to work. Working people pay a lot of tax in this country, so **why not** use it to fund nurseries and encourage more people to go to work? Governments **should** stop complaining about unemployment and start helping people to stay in their jobs after they have children. **How about** training young people to look after children as part of their education, and **what about** giving them volunteer work in nurseries during the school holidays? Then they **could** use this work experience to help them find jobs when they leave school.

Reading: T/F/NG?

In the writer's opinion:

1. people should not have so many children.
2. government-funded nurseries would encourage people to work.
3. tax-payers should pay for their own childcare.
4. looking after children should be taught in schools.
5. doing volunteer work helps you to find a job.

Text 2:

Read the task and complete the conclusion using words from the box. More than one answer may be possible.

Writing task 2:

In the future, libraries will not have any part to play in learning. All study will be computerized, and books and newspapers will die out. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

may not be might may certainly not must be probably certainly definitely

In conclusion, I strongly disagree with the statement. Libraries (1) change in the services they provide, but they will (2) disappear altogether. Students (3)use computers more and more, but there (4) a place for books in education. Online newspapers will (5) become more popular, too, but paper

ones will (6) continue to be printed. To sum up, libraries (7) the same in the future, but there will (8) always be a role for them to play.

Text 3: Read the following essay. Find seven places where you can add may, can or can't to soften the verbs.

'Children can be adversely affected by the influence of television.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.

Almost every family has a television these days, and many children watch a whole range of programmes every day. Some people believe that television is harmful to children, saying that it influences behaviour in a negative way. There are a lot of programmes on television that are not educational and that contain violence and bad language. However, watching violence on television encourages violent behaviour in children. This is true in cases of children who have already exhibited violent tendencies, but it isn't true of all children, otherwise we would have an epidemic of child crime. It is also argued that bad language on television encourages the same in children. Nevertheless, overall I believe that restricting children's television viewing to mainly educational programmes shown at a time of day when there is no violence or bad language will overcome any risks of television being a bad influence.	1. is harmful-> can be harmful 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.
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