

UNIT 8.7 WRITING

10 Choose one of the topics from Exercise 7 and write a blog of about 100 words about it.

Topics:

- a We need more wind farms.
- b Plastic bags are bad for the environment.
- c Many people don't recycle.

In your blog, you should:

- express your opinion.
- use phrases from the WRITING FOCUS (given on the next page)
- give at least two arguments to support your opinion.
- encourage readers to take action.

State your topic:

Divide your blog into these paragraphs:

- Give your opinion. Do you agree or disagree with the idea in the title?

- Give your first argument. Why do you agree or disagree?

- Give your second reason for agreeing or disagreeing.

- Advise the reader what he/she can do.

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11 Check.

- ✓ Have you included all the points in the task?
- ✓ Have you divided your blog into paragraphs?
- ✓ Have you used phrases from the WRITING FOCUS?
- ✓ Have you checked your grammar and spelling?

4 Complete the WRITING FOCUS with the words in purple in the blog.

WRITING FOCUS

Expressing an opinion; presenting arguments

- Stating your opinion
I think/I believe ... It seems (to me) ...
In my 'opinion', ... In my view, ...
- First argument
Firstly, ... First ² of all, ...
- Next argument(s)
Secondly, ... Also,
- Final argument
⁴ Finally, ... Last Валентин

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5 Replace the words in purple in the blog with different phrases from the WRITING FOCUS.

Environment blog

Go veg to save the planet

by Sam Harvey

¹ In my opinion, the best thing we can do for our planet is to become vegetarians.

² First of all, there is a lot of waste when we produce meat. For example, you need about sixteen kilograms of cereal and nearly 20,000 litres of water to produce one kilogram of meat. We should stop producing meat and grow cereals for humans instead. It will be much easier to feed all the people in the world.

³ In addition, you need a lot of land to keep large farm animals such as cows. In South America, farmers are destroying tropical forests to create space for cows which will become hamburgers in other countries.

⁴ Finally, remember the animals themselves! Animals on large 'factory farms' have a terrible life and a terrible death.

⁵ You don't even have to stop eating meat completely. Just eat less. You'll help save the Earth and feed everyone on it!

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- 1 Write numbers 1–5 next to paragraphs A–E to put the text in the correct order.

The Lindon Observer
What's wrong with our town?

Your chance to send your ideas about how to improve Lindon.

Ray, Aged 16

A ☐ Also, there is a lot to do. We have good shops, cafés and restaurants. There is a cinema, a theatre and an art gallery. I go to a very good sports centre once a week. I know there aren't any concerts here and some teenagers say it's boring but I disagree.

B ☐ People always think their town should be better but I don't think anyone is really unhappy here. In my view, it's simply impossible!

C ☐ I realise that people may disagree with me, but I think our town is a nice place to live and I'm going to try to explain why.

D ☐ Finally, the countryside outside the town is beautiful. You can swim in the lakes, walk in the forests and, in the winter, you can go skiing in the mountains just 50km away.

E ☐ Firstly, it's safe. The people are friendly and there aren't any real problems here. I can go out at night and I don't have to worry. The schools are excellent and the park is very pleasant.

- 2 Complete the text with the words from the

Is Lindon a good place for teenagers to live? How can we improve it? Leave your comments below.

Write your comments in about 100 words, giving and supporting your opinions and offering suggestions.

SHOW THAT YOU'VE CHECKED

Finished? Always check your writing. Can you tick (✓) everything on this list?

In my blog post:

- I have included a short introduction expressing my opinion. ☐
- I have used phrases such as *In my opinion/ view, It seems to me, etc.* to express my opinion. ☐
- I have given arguments to justify my opinion. ☐
- I have presented arguments using phrases such as *First of all, In addition, Finally, etc.* ☐
- I have paraphrased my opinion at the end. ☐
- I have used contractions (e.g. *I'm / aren't / that's*). ☐
- I have checked my spelling. ☐
- I have written 100 words. ☐
- My post is neat and clear. ☐

1. Number the paragraphs in exercise 1 to read the full post.
2. Write your comment to the blog post as specified in Exercise 2.

3. Score your performance by ticking the appropriate boxes in the 'SHOW THAT YOU'VE CHECKED' Box.