

EDUCATION

1. As computers are being used more and more in education, there will be soon no role for teachers in the classroom. Argumentative essay

Sample 1

There have been immense advances in technology in most aspects of people's lives, especially in the field of education. Nowadays, an increasing number of students rely on computers to research for information and to produce a perfect paper for school purposes. Others have decided to leave the original way of learning to get knowledge through online schools. These changes in the learning process have brought a special concern regarding the possible decrease of importance of teachers in the classroom.

Some people believe the role of teachers started to fade because computers have been helping some students to progress in their studies quicker than when compared with an original classroom. For example, in the same classroom, students have different intellectual capacities, thus some would be tied to a slow advance in their studies because of others' incapacity of understanding. In this way, pupils could progress in their acquisition of knowledge at their own pace using computers instead of learning from teachers.

However, the presence of a teacher is essential for students because the human contact influences them in positive ways. Firstly, students realize that they are not dealing with a machine but with a human being who deserves attention and respect. They also learn the importance of studying in group and respect other students, which helps them to improve their social skills.

Moreover, teachers are required in the learning process because they acknowledge some student's deficiencies and help them to solve their problems by repeating the same explanation, giving extra exercises, or even suggesting a private tutor. Hence (therefore / for this reason), students can have a bigger chance not to fail in a subject.

In conclusion, the role of teachers in the learning process is still very important and it will continue to be in the future because no machine can replace the human interaction and its consequences.

STARTED TO FADE	ACQUISITION	ACKNOWLEDGE	IMMENSE
INTELLECTUAL CAPACITIES	DEFICIENCY		

- a) extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree.; synonym: huge, massive, enormous, gigantic
- b) the act of acquiring (getting) something; synonym acquiring, gaining, gain, obtaining,
- c) ability to think, learn, plan, and execute with discipline
- d) accept or admit the existence or truth of / recognize the importance or quality of; synonym accept, recognize, be aware of
- e) a lack or shortage.; synonym: lack / shortage / deficit.
- f) become less clearly visible or distinguishable; disappear gradually or seemingly

Complete the text with missing phrases / words from previous text.

NOWADAYS	DEFICIENCY	HOWEVER	IMMENSE	MOREOVER	FIRSTLY
FOR INSTANCE	IN THIS WAY	ACQUISITION	ACKNOWLEDGE		START TO FADE
FOR EXAMPLE					

The importance of education cannot be overstated. _____, it is acknowledged globally as a fundamental human right, and its _____ benefits are recognized in every sphere of life.

_____, education is the key to the _____ of knowledge and skills. It enhances our **capacities** to think, understand, analyse, and make informed decisions. _____, a well-educated person can evaluate different perspectives, understand complex problems, and propose effective solutions. _____, education empowers individuals and prepares them for the challenges of life.

_____, education plays a crucial role in personal and social development. It fosters values of respect, empathy, and social responsibility. It helps individuals to _____ (be aware of) and appreciate diversity, promoting social cohesion and harmony. _____, through education, the prejudices and stereotypes that often cause social divisions _____, replaced by understanding and mutual respect.

_____, despite the universal recognition of its importance, there is still an **immense** _____ in access to quality education in many parts of the world. This deficiency not only hampers individual growth but also impedes social and economic development.

Sample 2

Nobody can argue that the acquisition of knowledge is more fun and easier with computers. The **mere** activity of touching and exploring this device constitutes an enjoyable task for a kid. This, accompanied with the relaxing attitude and software interactivity, usually **conduce** to a better **grasping of new knowledge**. At a higher educational level; the availability of digital books, simulator and other academic materials, provide the student with an ever accessible source of information that otherwise would not be at hand.

But, besides the increasing complexity and behaviour of intelligent software, which is usually **embedded** in the academic digital material, the need of human interaction in the learning process will always be present, at least in the **foreseeable** future. There is the necessity for a human being to be able to **determine** what the specifics needs of each individual are. **The expertise of a teacher** in how to explain and adapt complex concepts to **different individuals** can hardly be **mimicked by a computer**, no matter how **sophisticated its software** is.

As computers are becoming a common tool for teaching, teachers should be more aware of their role as guides in the **acquisition of knowledge** rather than **transmitters** of facts. They have to be **open-minded** to the changes that are taking places, **keep updated** and serve as a problem solvers in the learning process, thus allowing students to discover the fact for themselves.

To summarize, in my personal view, teachers play and will **play an important role** in the classroom, especially at the primary level. No matter how complex computers become, there will be no replacement for **the human interaction**, but in the way how this interaction takes place.

Have a grasp of - describes someone's level of understanding; thus, one has a poor, good or better grasp – or no grasp – of a given subject or situation

MERE	CONDUCE	GRASP	SOPHISTICATED	TRANSMITTERS
OPEN-MINDED	EMBEDDED	FORESEEABLE	PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE	

- a) *used to emphasize that the fact of something being present in a situation is enough to influence that situation.*
synonym: basic / just / simple
- b) *willing to consider new ideas; unprejudiced.*; **synonym:** unbiased / unprejudiced / non-discrimination / objective.
- c) *seize and hold firmly.*; **synonym:** hold/ seize / grab/ get one's hands on
- d) *a person or thing that transmits something.*; *cause (something) to pass on from one person or place to another.*
- e) *1 (of a machine, system, or technique) developed to a high degree of complexity.* **synonym:** advanced / revolutionary / modern / avant-garde / the latest
- f) *(of an object) fixed firmly and deeply in a surrounding mass; implanted.*; **synonym:** implant / set/ fix/ insert/ place.
- g) *help to bring about (a particular situation or outcome);* **synonym:** contribute, aid/ assist / help / partake.
- h) *able to be foreseen or predicted.*; **synonym:** predictable / expected / anticipated / certain.
- i) *Phrase that refers to the importance of something or the impact that it has*

THUS	OPEN-MINDED	SOPHISTICATED	BESIDES	FORESEEABLE
EMBEDDED	GRASP	MERE	MIMICKED	SUMMARIZE

Education is more than just a process of transferring information. It is a _____ process that plays an important role in shaping an individual's perspective and approach to life. It is not a _____ transmitter of knowledge, but a platform that enables individuals to _____ complex concepts and ideas that are _____ in our everyday lives.

Through education, individuals become _____, capable of understanding and appreciating the diversity and complexity of the world around them. This open-mindedness often **conduces** to a more inclusive and tolerant society, as the values and attitudes learned in educational settings are often _____ by society at large.

_____, education allows us to anticipate and prepare for the _____ challenges of the future. It equips us with the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of the modern world. _____, the importance of education extends beyond the individual to society as a whole.

Hence, to _____, education is not just about acquiring knowledge. It is about shaping individuals who can contribute positively to society, who can understand and navigate the complexities of the world, and who can foresee and prepare for the challenges of the future.

2. In some countries young people are encouraged to **work or travel** for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies.

Discuss the **advantages and disadvantages** for young people who decide to do this.

Nowadays it is quite common for young people in many countries to have a break from studying after graduating from high school. This trend is not restricted to rich students who have the money to travel, but is also evident among poorer students who choose to work and become economically independent for a period of time.

The reasons for this trend may involve the recognition that a young adult who passes directly from school to university is rather restricted in terms of general knowledge and experience of the world. By contrast, those who have spent some time earning a living or traveling to other places have a broader view of life and better personal resources to draw on. Hence, they tend to be more independent, which is a very important factor in academic study and research, as well as giving them an advantage in terms of coping with the challenges of student life.

However, there are certainly dangers in taking time off at that important age. Young adults may end up never returning to their studies or finding it difficult to readapt to an academic environment. Furthermore (in addition / besides), they may think that it is better to continue in a particular job, or to do something completely different from a university course. But overall, I think this is less likely to happen today, when academic qualifications are essential for getting a reasonable career.

My point of view is that young people should be encouraged to broaden their horizons. That is the best way for them to get a clear perspective of what they are hoping to do with their lives and why. Students with such a perspective are usually the most effective and motivated ones and taking a year off may be the best way to gain this.

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TAKE A YEAR OFF	BROADEN SOMEONE'S HORIZONS	RESTRICTED TO	EVIDENT AMONG	

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TAKE A YEAR OFF	RESTRICTED	BROADEN SOMEONE'S HORIZONS	HENCE		
EVIDENT	IN THIS WAY				

_____, the importance of education is widely **acknowledged**. _____, it provides a **broad view** of the world, helping to **broaden someone's horizons**. _____, through education, one can understand diverse cultures and perspectives, which are not _____ to textbooks but extend to real-world experiences.

Moreover, education plays a crucial role in the _____ of individual potential. It equips students with essential skills and knowledge, preparing them for future challenges. _____, it is also _____ **among** students that continuous learning can sometimes be overwhelming.

In this context, the concept of taking a break from education has gained popularity. Some students choose to _____ to explore their interests or gain practical experience. This break allows them to _____ and return to their studies with renewed enthusiasm and a clearer career direction.

_____, this break can provide valuable life experiences that contribute to personal growth. **By contrast**, continuous academic pressure may limit this growth. _____, while education is vital, it is equally important to _____ for self-exploration and development.

_____, education, coupled with personal experiences, can truly enrich an individual's life and perspective. It is not just about academic achievement but also about holistic development and understanding of the world.