

You have decided to write an article about your favourite computer game for a magazine for young people called *Funtime*. Write the article, describing the game and explaining why you would recommend it to other readers.

Write your article.

Sample answer

Have fun and learn with 'WordsMix'!

You can use direct or indirect questions to add colour.

These two sentences engage the reader by addressing them directly.

Are you tired of computer games that are a waste of time? This one is great fun and it also helps you enrich your vocabulary. I know that you must be thinking this is another boring educational game. Well, think again! This is exciting stuff – try it and you won't want to stop!

At the beginning of the game, you are given some letters and you have to come up with as many words as you can. It's got wonderful visual effects, so the words you write flash and dance on the screen. You receive points for each word and when you collect a certain number of points, you move on to the next level.

I would highly recommend this game to other readers for two reasons. First, the game requires you to use your brain but it is not full of complicated rules. Secondly, you can play this game alone – just you against the computer – or you can have competitions with your friends. I am sure you'll become a fan of this great game!

Give your article a catchy title to attract attention.

The task requires you to describe the computer game, but it needs to be only a brief summary.

Notice how the recommendations have been grouped together in a paragraph.

Useful language

Rhetorical questions

How would you react in a situation like this?

Was I surprised? Well, not really. Are you keen on adventure? Then why not ...

Have you ever heard anything like it?

Addressing the reader directly

Just think about it. You'll probably agree with me that ...

We are told that this is the best way to ... But I don't agree, and I am pretty sure you don't either.

If you like to read good thrillers, then this is for you.

Recommending

There are a number of reasons why I would recommend this to ...

I'm in no doubt that this is really good for ...

This is by far the best ... I have come across.

This is the ideal ... for young teenagers because ...

I can't think of any other game that is as entertaining as this one.

Exam help

- Read the question carefully and plan your article before you start to write. Pay attention to who you are writing the article for. If it is for your school magazine, you may use an informal style. If it is for a magazine with a wider readership, you may need a semi-formal style.
- Write down some interesting, colourful language that you may want to use. Remember that the purpose of your article is not only to inform but also to entertain the reader.
- Think of an interesting title.
- Use interesting details, examples or anecdotes to ensure that your article has a personal touch.