



## An Article

1. You see this advert for a writing competition. Write your article in 100-120 words.



### What Makes a Great School?

What makes a school truly great? Is it the people who work there, the facilities, or the activities students can take part in? There are several important things that can help make a school a positive place for students.

Firstly, the people who work in a school play a very important role. Friendly and supportive teachers help students feel confident and enjoy learning more. At the same time, good facilities such as modern science labs, libraries and sports areas allow students to develop different skills and interests.

Finally, schools should offer a variety of clubs and activities, such as sports teams, music clubs and drama groups, so students can make friends and discover their talents.

To conclude with, there are many things that can make a school great such as the teachers or the facilities. However, in my opinion, the most important thing is that students feel happy, supported and motivated to learn every day.



1. What is the purpose of each paragraph? Match each paragraph with its purpose.

- A. Introduction presenting the topic
- B. Teachers and facilities
- C. Clubs and activities
- D. Conclusion and writer's opinion

Paragraph 1 ^ \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 2 ^ \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 3 ^ \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 4 ^ \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER!** → Start an article with an engaging TITLE. It could be a game with words or a question.

2. Identify the function of each sentence. Write:

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|------------------------|--|
| T = topic introduction | Friendly and supportive teachers help students feel confident. _____       |
| R = reason             | In my opinion, the most important thing is that students feel happy. _____ |
| E = example            | Good facilities such as science labs help students develop skills. _____   |
| S = suggestion         | Schools should offer clubs such as sports teams and drama groups. _____    |
| O = opinion            | What makes a school truly great? _____                                     |

## Useful Vocabulary for Articles

### Introducing the topic

What makes a school truly great?  
 Many people believe that...  
 There are several things that can  
 make a school successful.

### Adding main ideas

Firstly,  
 At the same time,  
 Another important point is  
 that...  
 Finally,

### Giving examples

For example,  
 Such as  
 For instance,

### Making suggestions

Schools should offer...  
 Students should have the  
 opportunity to...  
 It is important for schools to  
 provide...

### Concluding and giving opinion

To conclude with,  
 There are many things that can make a school great such as...  
 However, in my opinion...  
 For these reasons...



3. Complete the article using suitable linking expressions:

Firstly At the same time Finally For example To conclude with However in my opinion

A great school should support students in different ways. \_\_\_\_\_ teachers should help students feel confident in class.

\_\_\_\_\_ good facilities allow students to develop important skills.

Schools should also organise clubs and activities. \_\_\_\_\_ sports teams and music clubs help students discover their interests.

\_\_\_\_\_ there are many things that can make a school successful. \_\_\_\_\_ the most important factor is that students feel happy and motivated.

4. Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Do not change the word.

1. Good teachers help students feel confident.

(MAKE)

Good teachers \_\_\_\_\_

2. Schools offer sports clubs. Students make friends there.

(WHERE)

Schools offer sports clubs \_\_\_\_\_

3. Facilities help students develop skills.

(ALLOW)

Facilities \_\_\_\_\_

4. Students feel happy. A school becomes successful.

(WHEN)

A school becomes successful \_\_\_\_\_



In articles, remember to answer the first question in your second paragraph and your second question in the third paragraph.