ARTICLE WRITING

Where can you find articles?

Do you usually read articles? What are your favourite topics? Where do you read them?

What characteristics of articles do you know?

Read the following announcement and answer:

- What should the main topic of your article be?
- What questions should you answer?
- What preference should you state?
- Where will your article be published?

We need your articles!

TECHNOLOGY

Everyone has a mobile phone, but we use our phones in different ways.

Do you think that you rely on your phone too much? What do you most use it for?

Do you prefer to text people or ring them? Why?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it in our magazine

Using the words from the list below, complete the notes about how to write the article.

End – enough – mention – most – opinion – paragraph – reason – start

Piece of advice!

You need to _____ by stating your personal _____ about your own mobile phone use. Try to follow this with a _____ or example. Now write your answer to the next question. It's fine to _____ the various ways in which you can use your phone. However, this is not _____. You need to clearly state what you _____ use your phone for. Start a new _____ to express your preference about calling or texting people. Try to _____ with a strong sentence that sums up your article.

Here are two versions, A and B, of articles in response to the announcement. Read each one and answer the questions by writing *A, B, BOTH* or *NEITHER.*

A *I love my mobile phone!*

We all have mobile phones. However, we use them for different reasons.

Without a doubt, I rely on my mobile phone too much. I know this because it's the first thing I look at every morning and the last thing I look at every night. Yesterday, I accidentally left my phone at home and, without it, I felt anxious all day! I use my phone for different things, but I check social media more than anything else.

Personally, I prefer texting people to phoning them. The reason is that people often find it more convenient to reply quickly to a text than to make a call.

One thing is certain... I love my phone!

B. *I don't rely on my mobile phone too much. The mobile phone has been a great invention in the modern world. Mobile phones have changed our lives. Mobile phones are useful and fun. My mobile phone makes me happy. It's better to phone people than to text them. I like talking on the phone. It's a good way to communicate and it's nice to hear the other person's voice. Phones make us feel more connected to each other.*

1. Which article has a title? _____
2. Which article is well organised? _____
3. Which article has quite a lot of repetition? _____
4. Which article answers all of the questions in the announcement? _____
5. Which article shares personal opinions about mobile phones? _____
6. Which article has spelling and grammar mistakes? _____
7. Which article might be too short? _____
8. Which article uses key phrases to introduce opinions and preferences? _____
9. Which article supports answers with clear examples or reasons? _____
10. Which article is a stronger answer to the Part 2 task? _____

Reread the articles and extract expressions used to express opinion, reason or preference.

OPINION	REASON	PREFERENCE

What do you think about mobile phones? Use the following expressions to introduce your opinions and preferences. Give reasons if necessary.

I really believe that...

From my point of view,...

To be honest, I wouldn't say that...

Without a doubt, I...

I prefer... to ...

Personally, I prefer...

I like to..., but I prefer to...