

What is an article?

You read a notice from a magazine or website asking for articles. The notice gives the topic of the article and includes some questions. You write your article on that topic.

Tips:

- Read the task carefully so that you understand what you need to write.
- Think about who is going to read your article.
- Answer all the questions in the task.
- Use connectors (e.g. but, so, because, either, or) to link your ideas.
- Use adjectives to make your writing more interesting.
- When you are describing something, give positive and negative points about it.
- You can start with an opening question, to interest your readers.
- Invite other people to give their opinions.
- Check your work for grammar or spelling mistakes

Useful language

Linking ideas: you have many linkers in my previous post: Linkers

- and / but / so / because
- either ... or ...
- as soon as
- except
- so that
- although

Giving your opinion: you have many ways to express your opinion in my previous post: Speaking expressions to interact with others

Opening questions

- Have you ever...?
- Do you ever wonder...?
- What do you think about...?
- Are you one of those people who...?
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Inviting other people to give their opinions

- Do you think (that) ...?

- What do you think of this idea/plan?
- Have you got any suggestions / good ideas?

Making positive comments

- The good thing about ...
- The best thing is ...

Describing problems

- The only bad thing is ...
- One disadvantage is that...

Making a recommendation

- If you watched/saw/tried this, you'd love it.
- On the whole, I would/can recommend this (concert/TV show/restaurant/film).

Examples:

You see this notice on an English-language student website.

Articles wanted!

A restaurant in my town

Tell us about a restaurant you have been to in your town or city.

What was good about it?

Was there anything that wasn't so good?

Would you recommend it to other people?

Write an article answering these questions and we will publish the most interesting articles on our website.

Write your **article** in about **100 words**.

Example answer

Do you like Italian food? I love it, so I was delighted when my parents took me to Fratelli's restaurant last weekend.

The good thing about Fratelli's is that there's plenty of choice. You can either have pizza or pasta, or a meat or fish dish. Everything is delicious, except the salads, which aren't very exciting.

The only bad thing about the restaurant is that there's no music, so it's very quiet! But on the whole, I would recommend it, and I'm sure you'd love the food. Do you think I should ask them to put some music on next time I go?

Ask an opening question to make your reader feel involved.

Answer all the questions in the task. You can choose the order in which you include the information.

Use connectors to link ideas.

Use adjectives to make your writing more interesting.

This answers the second question.

This answers the third question.

Invite other people to give their opinions.

Title**Thrillers are the best!****Introduction**

Watching films is one of my favourite hobbies. I try to watch a film or two every week. However, although I watch many films, I don't like all types of movies. My favourite ones are thrillers.

Idea 1

I love thrillers because the plot is usually awesome and you can never predict the ending. Also, I think thriller actors and directors normally do a very good job!

Idea 1

The best place to watch a good movie is at the cinema. The screen is huge, the seats are comfortable and you can have popcorn! That's why I try to go to the cinema every weekend!

Closing

What about you? Do you like thrillers? What type of movies do you enjoy?

You see this notice on an English-language magazine.

ARTICLES WANTED**EATING OUT**

Do you eat out often? Why do you like it?

What kind of restaurant do you enjoy?

Is there one you would recommend in your town?



Write your **article**.

Don't you enjoy eating out?

Do you ever get tired of laying the table? Do you enjoy washing the dishes? I really don't. That's why I believe eating out is great.

I know that eating out is expensive, but do it a couple of times a week. Instead of spending money in nightclubs or clothes, I'd rather spend money in a good restaurant, because the food is nice and it's convenient.

My favourite restaurants are usually Italian (I love pasta!), but my favourite restaurant in my city is a Japanese restaurant called "Kirin". They serve the best sushi!

If you're ever in my city, I recommend you go to Kirin or any of the Italian restaurants in the centre. You won't regret it!

Articles wanted!

SHOPPING

Write an article telling us whether you like shopping and where your family usually goes shopping.

Does your family buy things online?

Why or why not?

The best article answering these questions will be published next month.



TASK: Write your article in **100-125** words.