

Level 1 Functional Skills writing – practice question
Global Warming article - sample answer



Write an article for your college magazine. Give ideas to your fellow students about things they can do to reduce global warming, a major contributor to climate change.

You could:

- include some of the ideas on the next page or your own thoughts
- make suggestions that your peers could introduce into their lifestyles
- explain why everyone must take responsibility towards reducing global warming.

Write approximately 200 – 250 words.

You can make a difference!

Have you heard the world news recently? The polar bears have a diminishing area of ice to live on. The people in Kanchita in Peru have just experienced the most awful mud slides, causing homelessness and starvation, illness and death. Kansas has had the worst tornadoes ever seen and the Mumbai region in India has experienced the worst floods ever known in the area. These are just a few examples of the result of climate change that is happening now!

The weather has changed and will continue to alter if no action is taken. Strange weather patterns are becoming normal. The weather is frequently becoming stuck in a certain pattern. For example, in this county we had no rain in the whole of November, but other places experienced a ridiculously high rainfall, causing extensive flooding.

Everyone can take action to reduce their contribution to global warming; one of the causes of climate change. For example, wash your clothes on a lower temperature and buy new clothes less frequently. Please don't buy a new dress or suit for one occasion and then throw it away, just to be in fashion! Walking or cycling to college saves the planet and improves your physical fitness. Share car transport or use the bus to reduce fuel usage and CO2 emissions. Turn off any lights or heating that you are not using and repair, re-use or recycle as much as possible. Even food waste causes methane gas in landfill so plan what you need to buy!

I look forward to saying 'Hi' to you on the bus and meeting you at the Recycling Centre!

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