

Reading and writing an article

Name _____ Date _____



Sample question and response

Many people believe that in the next ten years high streets across the UK will disappear completely, as more and more people do all their shopping on line.

Write an article outlining your views on the matter.

WILL OUR HIGH STREETS DISAPPEAR?

Shopping on line has become more and more popular in recent years. It is quick, easy and often saves you money but have you considered what this is doing to our high street stores?

Thirty years ago shopping online was just an idea. On a Saturday the shops were crowded with people looking for a bargain. People would wander from store to store checking the selection of goods and looking for the best price. Shopping on a Saturday was a trip out and many people enjoyed it but lots of people did not enjoy the crowds, the difficulty parking and the time it took.

Nowadays we can do this from the comfort of our arm chair. We don't even need to leave the house and we can check the price of an item we want to buy. We don't have to waste fuel driving into town or catching a bus. We don't have to pay for parking or a bus ticket. We can see on the computer which store is selling the item at the best price. We can even order it to be delivered to our door.

Running Costs: The internet has revolutionized our way of shopping forever. The shops are far less busy as many people prefer this more convenient option. The high street shops have to pay for staff and have expensive running costs and many are closing as they cannot compete with cheaper prices on the internet.

Browsing: I for one, still enjoy going to the high street to browse the shops, especially when I need to buy a special present. You can wander round the shops at your leisure looking for ideas. If you wish to buy a specific item you can go to the shop and look and touch the item and even have it demonstrated.

It will be a very sad day if all the high street stores shut but maybe this day is coming?

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An article has a heading or headline. It provides information and/or opinions about a topic. It can be written in a formal or informal style, depending on the topic and the audience. It may include sub headings.

Plan and write an article.

- Choose **Task A** or **Task B**.
- Give your article a suitable layout and remember to use paragraphs.
- Aim for 250-350 words.
- Check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Task A

Last month a woman from Berkshire named Sarah Mitchell, won the National lottery and told the local news she was going to give half her winnings to charity and half her winnings to helping her family and friends.

Write an article outlining your views on the National Lottery.

You could include:

your views on gambling, the National lottery, Sarah Mitchell's decision, information on your favourite charities, what you would do if you suddenly had a lot of money to spend.

Task B

Many parents are concerned that children spend too long indoors watching TV, playing on computer games and interacting with friends on mobile phones.

Write an article about low-cost ways that parents can get children more active in the school summer holidays.

You could include:

parks, sports, crafts, local groups, local activities, cheap days out, etc.