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1 Today's Topic

It is important for high school students to be allowed to choose their own classes. In your opinion, is this statement true? Why or why not?

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2 Outline

Agree

- motivated
- success
- teachers have easier time
- example of magnet schools

Disagree

- need basics
- make bad choices
- need the structure

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3 Introduction

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4 Body

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5 Conclusion

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DEBATE B



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Outdoors vs. Indoors

* Today's Topic

Some people love the outdoors, while others prefer staying inside. During your leisure time, do you like to go outdoors or spend the time indoors? Why? Support your opinion with specific reasons and examples.

Outdoors

- sunshine
- nature
- fresh air
- health
- sports
- picnic
- gardening

Indoors

- bad weather
(too hot, too cold)
- computer
- TV
- video games
- books

* Vocabulary & Expressions

outdoor (= *outside*)

a. 야외의

located, suited for, or taking place in the open air

indoor

a. 실내의

located, suited for, or taking place within a building

gardening (= *horticulture*)

n. 원예

the cultivation of plants

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It is debatable whether _____.

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because _____.

Body

Firstly, _____. / Secondly, _____.

In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

Thus, _____.

Are decisions that are made quickly always wrong?

* Today's Topic

Sometimes decisions are made quickly. At other times, people think carefully before coming to a decision. Do you think that decisions that are made quickly are always wrong? Explain your answer with specific details and examples.

Agree

- irrational
- impulsive
- cannot think decision over
- under pressure
- not enough time

Disagree

- good under pressure
- It does not mean the decision was not well thought out
- difference between speed and impulse
- use time efficiently

* Vocabulary & Expressions

carefully (= watchfully, cautiously)

taking care or paying attention

ad. 신중히, 주의하여

irrational

not consistent with or using reason

a. 불합리한

impulsive (= impetuous)

proceeding from natural feeling or impulse without external stimulus

a. 충동적인

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However, I strongly believe that _____,

because _____.

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First of all, _____. / Moreover, _____.

In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

Thus, _____.

Conclusion

In short, _____.

Does the zoo have no real purpose?

* Today's Topic

Some people think that zoos have no real purpose. They think that they are not useful and are a waste of space. What do you think? Do you agree or disagree? Support your opinion with specific examples and details.

Agree

- zoos takes animals out of natural habitat
- zoos confines animals / inhumane
- children can learn about animals through other resources, such as books and the Internet
- people can use land for other important purposes

Disagree

- children learn about animals
- zoos keep the animals safe
- zoos protects endangered animals to reproduce

* Vocabulary & Expressions

habitat (= nest)

n. 서식지

the type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives or occurs

confine (= cage, circumscribe)

vt. 가두다

prevent from leaving or from being removed

endangered (= threatened, imperiled)

a. 멸종될 위기에 이른

in imminent danger of extinction

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Generations

* Today's Topic

Every generation is different from the generations which come before it. How does your generation differ from your parents' generation? Give specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Ex. Our Generation

- technology dependent
- global society
- faster communication

* Vocabulary & Expressions

generation (= age group)

n. 세대

all the people living at the same time or of approximately the same age

technology

n. 기술

the practical application of science to commerce or industry

Communication

n. 커뮤니케이션

something that is communicated by or to or between people or groups

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Thus, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Home school vs. Traditional school

* Today's Topic

It may be possible to study at home with computer or television in the future. Students could then have a choice between home school and traditional school. Which would you prefer? Give reasons and specific examples to explain your opinion about your choice.

Home School

- parents can instill values
- students can learn at their own pace
- parents can take care of student's special needs
- less social interaction

Traditional School

- students develop social skills
- students exposed to variety of viewpoints
- It prepares students for the future
- home school may be too easy or too hard for different students

* Vocabulary & Expressions

instill (= *infuse*)

vt. 서서히 가르쳐주다

teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions

interaction (= *interplay*)

n. 상호작용

a mutual or reciprocal action

viewpoint (= *standpoint*)

n. 견해, 관점

a mental position from which things are viewed

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Conclusion

In summary, _____.

Fiction vs. Non-fiction book

* Today's Topic

It is important to read only books that are non-fiction (about real events, people, or known facts). In your opinion, is this statement true or false? Explain your position with specific details and examples.

True

- hard to distinguish between fact and fiction
- fiction is mostly false
- we cannot learn from falsehoods

False

- fiction books are just as valuable
- people can still learn about morals and the world
- fiction develops ability to read, especially for children
- real books don't have symbolism
- entertaining
- fiction develop imagination

* Vocabulary & Expressions

fiction

n. 소설

a literary work based on the imagination and not necessarily on fact

distinguish (= mark, differentiate)

vt. 구별하다

detect with the senses

falsehood (= untruth, fallaciousness)

n. 허위

a false statement

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

it is reported by _____, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

Thus, _____.

Lesson 07

Build a new movie theater

* Today's Topic

There is a proposal to build a new movie theater in your neighborhood. Do you agree or disagree with this plan? Explain your answer. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Agree

- greater business in neighborhood
- new jobs
- good source of entertainment, esp. for families
- possible cultural / community events such as film festivals, town history, etc

Disagree

- noisy
- waste of land
- crowded

* Vocabulary & Expressions

proposal (= *suggestion, proposition*)

n. 신청, 제안

the act of making a proposal

neighborhood (= *community, surroundings*)

n. 근처, 인근

a surrounding or nearby region

waste (= *wastage*)

n. 쓰레기, 폐물

any materials unused and rejected as worthless or unwanted

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Conclusion

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Cooperation vs. Competition

* Today's Topic

Some people work well in groups by cooperating with others and some people work better independently, competing with others. Which do you believe brings people more success? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of working cooperatively and competitively.

Cooperation

- do things that can't be done alone
- more ideas
- competition creates jealousy and hostility
- competition may encourage cheating

Competition

- recognition for hard work
- think / work harder
- cooperation makes people rely on others
- when working in cooperation, some people may not participate

* Vocabulary & Expressions

cooperation (= *teamwork, collaboration*)

n. 협력, 협동

joint operation or action

jealousy (= *envy*)

n. 질투

a feeling of jealous envy

hostility (= *enmity, antagonism*)

n. 적의

a hostile disposition

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However, in my opinion, _____,

because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In brief, _____.

In writing vs. In person

* Today's Topic

Sometimes people need to complain about poor service or a product that is broken or not working properly. There are people who would rather write a letter than speak with someone in person about their complaints. Which would you rather do? Why? Support your answer with detailed examples.

In writing

- people can set thoughts down more clearly
- people have time to reflect without being emotional
- people get point across
- more anonymous

In person

- immediate response
- immediate resolution
- you can explain your position
- more personal

* Vocabulary & Expressions

complain (= *grumble*)

vi. 불평하다

express complaints, discontent, displeasure, or unhappiness

immediate (= *instantaneous*)

a. 즉각의, 당장의

performed with little or no delay

resolution (= *solution*)

n. 해결

finding a solution to a problem

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Lesson 10

Should all students be required to study music and art?

* Today's Topic

In your opinion, should all students be required to study music and art in high school? Why, or why not? Explain your position with specific details and examples.

Agree

- well-rounded
- some studies prove the fact that students who study music and art do better in other subjects
- it is a release for some students
- it promotes creativity

Disagree

- if students hate it, they will not do well
- other things are more important
- it takes away from other academics

* Vocabulary & Expressions

opinion

n. 의견, 견해

a personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty

promote (= support, encourage)

a. 증진하다, 촉진하다

contribute to the progress or growth of

creativity (= inventiveness, originality)

n. 독창성, 창조력

the ability to create

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In summary, _____.

Lesson 11

The separation of church and state

* Today's Topic

Today, the separation of church and state is an important issue in society. Some people think that church and state should be completely separate. For example, there should be no prayer in schools or at government activities. Do you agree or disagree? Why? Give specific reasons and examples to explain your opinion.

Agree

- some people don't want government to support one religion
- religion is different from government
- freedom of choice
- founding principle of United States

Disagree

- state does not control religion, but is allowed to practice it
- unification
- educational

* Vocabulary & Expressions

separation (= severance, division)

n. 분리, 독립

the state of lacking unity

religion

n. 종교

a strong belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny

unification (= union, consolidation)

n. 통합, 통일

an occurrence that involves the production of a union

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Building new factory in your town

* Today's Topic

A company has made plans to build a large factory in the town where you live. Your community is undecided about whether they want a new factory nearby. What advantages or disadvantages might this new factory bring to your community? Would you oppose or support this proposal? Support your position with details and examples.

Support

- jobs
- increased standard of living / economy
- other industries
- opportunities for community development

Oppose

- increased population
- more traffic
- increased pollution
- community environment changes

* Vocabulary & Expressions

nearby (= near)

not far away in relative terms

ad. 가까이

opportunity (= chance)

a possibility due to a favorable combination of circumstances

n. 기회

pollution (= contamination)

the act of contaminating or polluting

n. 오염

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In specific, _____.

For example, _____.

Thus, _____.

Conclusion

In short, _____.

Buying computers vs. books

* Today's Topic

Your university must decide whether to buy computers for student use or books for the library. As a student, you have been asked to share your opinion. Would you prefer that your university buy computers or books? Explain your choice using specific details and reasons.

Computers

- it teaches students about technology
- students can learn how to use computer
- all jobs in future need to use computers
- advanced / cutting-edge

Books

- more credible source of information than Internet
- people learn to read through books
- less expensive, so get more
- importance of holding books in hand

* Vocabulary & Expressions

share

have in common

vt. 공유하다

technology

the practical application of science to commerce or industry

n. 기술

credible (= *trustworthy, believable*)

capable of being believed

a. 신용할 수 있는

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because _____.

Body

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

As seen above, _____.

Conclusion

In brief, _____.

Practicing sports

* Today's Topic

There are young children who spend as much time as they can practicing sports. In your opinion, is this a good thing for the children? Why, or why not? Justify your opinion with specific details and reasons.

Advantages

- fun
- health
- children can learn about cooperation and teamwork

Disadvantages

- it takes away from academics
- it may push themselves too far
- it may disappoint them if they still aren't good
- injuries

* Vocabulary & Expressions

justify (= *vindicate*)

vt. 정당성을 증명하다

show to be right by providing justification or proof

teamwork (= *collaboration*)

n. 팀워크, 협동작업

cooperative work done by a team

injury (= *hurt, harm*)

n. 상해

any physical damage to the body caused by violence or accident or fracture etc.

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In specific, _____.

From my experience, _____.

In this sense, _____.

Conclusion

In conclusion, _____.

Lesson 15

Are parents the best teachers about life?

* Today's Topic

Some people believe that parents are the best teachers about life. Do you agree that parents are the best people to teach their children about life? Support your answer with clear reasons and examples.

Agree

- children learn by imitation
- parents know and understand their children
- willingness to teach due to parental love
- willingness to forgive mistakes

Disagree

- bad morals come from parents (drinking, procrastination, trying to control future)
- parents only teach their point of view
- parents' understanding in a changing world

* Vocabulary & Expressions

imitation

n. 모방

something copied or derived from an original

willingness

n. 자진하여 하기

cheerful compliance

procrastination (= *delay*)

n. 미루는 버릇

putting off or delaying or deferring an action to a later time

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Conclusion

In summary, _____.

Building a large mall

* Today's Topic

A large mall going to be built near your community. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this new mall for your community? Are you for or against the building of this new mall? Give specific details to support your position.

Advantages

- it attracts other businesses
- it attracts more people
- it provides jobs
- it raises some real estate values
- it brings money / industrial taxes

Disadvantages

- it may cause pollution
- it may cause noise
- shortage of supplies - water / resources
- waste of land

* Vocabulary & Expressions

real estate

n. 부동산

property consisting of houses and land

shortage (= deficiency)

n. 부족, 결핍

the property of being an amount by which something is less than expected or required

resource

n. 자원

available source of wealth

Introduction

Body

Conclusion

Lectures vs. Discussions

* Today's Topic

Teachers can lecture (talk the whole time during class without student input), or they can have class discussions. Some students like lectures, while others prefer discussions. Do you like lectures or discussions better? Why? Be sure to support your viewpoint with specific examples and details.

Prefer lecture

- no one singled out
- no teacher's favorites
- not embarrassed
- we can just take notes and leave
- time efficiency

Prefer discussion

- like involvement
- we feel like learning more
- deeper understanding
- not so boring

* Vocabulary & Expressions

lecture (= lesson, instruction)

n. 강의

teaching by giving a discourse on some subject

discussion (= disputation, controversy)

n. 토론

an extended communication dealing with some particular topic

efficiency (= adeptness, effectiveness)

n. 능력, 효율

skillfulness in avoiding wasted time and effort

Introduction

Body

Conclusion

Lesson 18

Household chores

* Today's Topic

Some parents make their children do household chores as soon as the children are able to. Do you think that this is necessary? Why, or why not? Explain your opinion with specific details and reasons.

Agree

- it teaches responsibility
- parents may not have enough time
- it could be for allowance
- teaching earlier is better

Disagree

- kids need to be kids
- they won't do it anyway
- they will have to do it when they are older
- it is the adult's responsibility
- it is much easier for adults to do

* Vocabulary & Expressions

household (= family, home)

n. 가족

a social unit living together

responsibility (= obligation, duty)

n. 책임

the social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force

allowance

n. 용돈

an amount allowed or granted

Introduction

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Conclusion

Does the Internet provides people with valuable information?

* Today's Topic

Some people say that the Internet provides people with a lot of valuable information, but other people think that access to so much information creates problems. Which point-of-view do you agree with? Support your opinion using specific reasons and examples.

Valuable info

- everyday news and events
- educational facts and theories
- interactive forums of debate and discussion about important topics
- it products research and comparing prices

Problems

- dangerous information (bomb making)
- immoral and violent groups can form stronger links
- miscommunication because anyone can say anything
- exposure to pornography (corrupts children)

* Vocabulary & Expressions

valuable (= *invaluable, worthy*)

having worth or merit or value

a. 귀중한

forum

a public meeting or assembly for open discussion

n. 공개토론

immoral (= *unscrupulous, dishonest*)

not adhering to ethical or moral principles

n. 부도덕한

Introduction

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Transportations

* Today's Topic

You have moved to a new home. Now it is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) for you to go back and forth to work every day. Compare the different types of transportation available for the trip. Decide which type of transportation you would use to make the 30-mile trip to and from work, and explain why you would make this choice. List clear reasons in your answer.

Transportation

- bike
- car
- bus
- train
- motorcycle

Reason

- convenient / speed
- weather
- flexibility
- people can take others

* Vocabulary & Expressions

transportation (= conveyance)

n. 수송, 운송

a facility consisting of the means and equipment necessary
for the movement of passengers or goods

convenient (= useful, serviceable)

a. 편리한

suited to your comfort or purpose or needs

flexibility (= elasticity, adaptability)

n. 융통성, 탄력성

the quality of being adaptable or variable

Introduction

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Conclusion