

SAMPLE ESSAYS FCE AND DIPLOMA

ARTICLE

Teenage years

In my opinion, being a teenager is **definitely** the best part of life.

First of all, you are **not** treated like a child **anymore**, that means you don't have to **ask for permission** all the time and **that is why** life gets more exciting.

In addition, you **don't have to be** responsible for anything yet. **For instance** you don't have to do what is good for your children. You are the only person you have to care about.

On the other hand, a lot of **youngsters** don't recognize the trouble they could get in. They think they have to experience every interesting thing in one day.

Furthermore, some youngsters don't think about the consequences before **they do silly things**.

To conclude, I think the teenage years are **an extraordinary time** for most people, as long as you are being sensible.

PERSONAL LETTER

Dear Tom

Thanks for your email. I am always pleased to hear from you.

In fact, it took a lot of time to get back home, I guess about three hours, because **there had been** a terrible accident, a lorry crashed into a cruiser.

Thanks a lot for your breathtaking pictures. You should choose taking pictures for a profession / a living. The picture with you and me in front of the adventure park I like best. It was hard to pick the best, **though**.

Yes, I have found your watch. **I am afraid I have to** tell you that it's broken. **I assume** the damage happened when **we were playing football** in the garden **the other day**.

Well, if there is the opportunity to choose, **I would rather** stay on a farm, because **I am fond of** animals.

Thank you for your invitation, I would love to come.

Regards

Tanja

WRITING ABOUT A BOOK

Which character in the book or short story you have read has the most difficult life and why? Write a **composition**, giving your reasons, with reference to the book or short story you have read.

The Phantom of the Opera

From my point of view, Erik, the Opera Ghost, has **definitely** the most difficult life.

In the first place, he had to hide from people since he was born, because of his **hideous** face.

Secondly, he **hardly** has friends and I assume **no** family **either**.

In addition, he is **desperately** in love with Christine, a talented beautiful singer. But also the handsome viscount Raoul is in love with her. I feel sorry for Erik because **eventually** the Beast doesn't get the Beauty.

On the other hand, he is an **ingenious** musician and an **impressive** architect as well. But **what do you need** such talents **for** if you do not get what you desire.

To sum up, I think he has a **tough** life because he works really hard for his dreams, **though** in the end he dies as a lonely man.

PERSONAL LETTER

Tim, an English-speaking friend of yours, recently played in a concert in your home town and has now written to you. Read Tim's letter and the notes you have made. Then write a letter to Tim, using all your notes

Dear Tim

Thank you for your letter. I was very pleased to hear from you.

First of all, thanks a lot for the concert ticket you sent me. It was also great to see you again.

I must say your concert was **amazing**. **Honestly, I have never been to** a better concert. **Especially** your guitar solo was **really impressive**.

Yes, it was definitely the wrong day of the week, because on Fridays the youngsters of our town usually go to home parties.

I wanted to have enough material of that **extraordinary** evening, that's why I took that many pictures. **Of course I will** send you a selection of my best pictures.

Unfortunately, I had to leave **all of a sudden** because I got a call from my mother who informed me that **a close friend of mine** had had a car accident. But **don't worry**, he is better now.

I am really looking forward to your next concert near town, so let me know when your next performance takes place.

Love,

Tanja

ARTICLE

Competition

Is it better to live in a flat, a modern house or an old house? Write your article giving your opinions.

Where to live for the rest of your life?

Would you rather live in a flat, an old house or a modern house?

That's quite hard a decision! Each way has its attractions, you just have to figure out what kind of person you are.

The first thing to consider is how much you can **afford**. If you have a low income, I would advise you to buy a flat. There are just a few rooms to clean and it is big enough to live in. **What else do you need?**

If you are ready to spend half your fortune on your new home, **then** a house is **probably** a great idea. You have plenty enough space for yourself and a couple of guests as well. Not to forget, **if you** like sports **you should consider building** a gym.

Finally you need to think about how your home should look like. If you are an admirer of history or a collector of relics an old-fashioned house might be appropriate.

To sum up, I would say, just follow your desire and you will find the right home.

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