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Unit 1: Art Shows and Holidaying

Benefits of travelling

- Travel is fun and broadens the mind.
- It enlarges our knowledge of the world
- It is a good opportunity to discover new cultures, civilizations, traditions, ways of life and mindsets
- It is one of the best ways to forget about our daily routines
- We travel in order to leave our trouble behind and flee problems
- We can build new relationships.

Traveling

Dear pen friend,

You certainly agree that travel is an exceptional activity that brings a lot of change. I think traveling is a great opportunity to relax, meet new people, and gain more knowledge and experience. When I go on holiday, I'd like to see lots of places that I dream of.

First I'd like to visit several places in Europe and America. I'll go to France to see Paris and its Eiffel Tower, to England to see London and Big Ben, and to New York to see the Statue of Liberty. Next, I've always dreamt of visiting countries with ancient civilizations, like China, India, or Egypt. I'm sure a trip there will be both interesting and unforgettable. I like to see ancient buildings and monuments such as Egypt's glorious pyramids and India's impressive Taj Mahal. All these attractions and more will beyond doubt bring me the pleasure of sightseeing and touring foreign lands.

In brief, no wonder nearly everyone likes to travel at some time in their lives for one reason or another. One thing is certain; traveling is a golden opportunity to meet new faces, see new places.

With lots of love,



Package tour:

| Advantages | Drawbacks |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ It's good to go in groups and enjoy the company of friends.✓ It is generally cheaper and better organized✓ You can be well informed by experienced guides.✓ There are opportunities to get Free gifts.✓ You may take advantages of several discounts✓ You may have Free admission to parks, museums etc✓ You may enjoy Cultural activities and art shows | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ There are No personal benefits✓ Time is fixed. There is no flexibility✓ Your schedule always depend on the group.✓ You may pay for something you don't like✓ Some people hate to be guided |

Space tourism

Advantages of space tourism

- It is an exciting experience to travel on board of a spacecraft.
- It's a unique type of light that can take place once in a life time.
- It is an original experience to find out about the secrets of our universe.
- It offers a special adventure that is worth undertaking.
- It gives the space tourist a chance to admire the earth from outer space

Disadvantages of space tourism

- There are still far too many interesting and beautiful places on Earth to see before one would spend lots of money to go into space.
- Only a few privileged people can undertake this venture because of the exorbitant price of the space flight.
- Well-to-do people should spend part of their wealth to solve problems on earth



- it's crazy to spend so much money on a short space flight while millions of needy people all over the world are dying due to malnutrition, diseases and exploitation
- It is a very risky adventure: Man would meet terrible dangers in space. The main ones being radiation and the danger of being hit by meteors.

Unit 2: Education matters

Education for all:

Causes of children drop out:

- Many pupils suffer from gender inequality. Boys get more attention from their teachers. The girls on the other hand feel neglected.
- Very bad School conditions. For example, there is generally a lack of good furniture.
- There are also Individual factors. Such as disability/ handicaps.
- Poverty can be a good reason why many pupils drop out of school. Many kids find themselves obliged to work to survive.
- Family environment: big families; parents can't afford to send their children to school.
- Many kids live far away from schools. They are obliged to go long distances on foot.
- Parent's lack of interest: they don't care about education
- The community cultures: in many places the education is only for rich people.



Tips to a student who wants to drop out of school

Dear friend,

Yes, I do agree with you that school can be sometimes hard. It's a lot of work, and there are lots of rules that you may not like.

But understand this – THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE YOU EARN. Education is your key to financial security, and dropping out of school now will affect you for the rest of your life. It is a really bad idea, if things are bad at school because you are being harassed or bullied try changing schools rather than quitting.

Besides, Drop outs have a harder time getting good, secure, decent paying jobs because more and more jobs require a minimum of high school graduation. Not to forget, too, that dropping out gives you a lot of free time, even if you get a full time job, you are more likely to get in to a self destructive rut including drugs or alcohol.

Think again my friend. Dropping out is not cool, it does not make you a tough guy, nor does it mean you are grown up or more mature - in fact it makes you the exact opposite of all these things. And while you're at it, think about going to college. People who have gone to college, even just for two years, have more job opportunities and make more money than high school graduates.

So, are you still thinking of dropping out? Think again – dropping out is not a very good option. Talk with your parents, teachers, friends, or anyone else you trust to help you make a good decision. Do what you need to do and get the help you need to finish high school.

Remember, the more you learn the more you earn!



Virtual school:

| Benefits | Drawbacks |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners can study wherever and whenever they want.• Each student can study at his own pace.• There are no uniforms, no school journey, no rushing and no heavy bags• It is considered less stressful and more beneficial as learners save a lot of time and money.• It is a good option for those with job commitments and for students with health problems.• It helps some students regain their self-confidence by overcoming their shyness or fear. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• there is no physical exercise• No direct contact with teachers or other learners• Little verbal and physical communication• No chance to handle= to control the bustle and bullying in the playground• Deprives learners from friendly relationships• produce lazy students• it can be hard for uncontrolled children who prefer doing other activities or sleeping during the day and studying late at night |



Online Learning

It is true that online learning offers a number of advantages especially for those who need a flexible timetable as well as those who are handicapped.

However, distance learning can in, in no way, replace the traditional one.

First, it is always better to meet people, to have face to face conversations, which offer the opportunity to establish new relationships and to make friends. **In fact**, the role of traditional schools does not only include teaching lessons but it also contributes to the behavioural development of the pupil. It helps maintain discipline and teaches them the good values necessary for their social life.

Besides, staying in front of a computer each day and for a long period can **cause many health problems for their eyes, the back as well as headaches**.

All in all, online education still has to develop further in order to be as fruitful as learning in traditional schools.

Virtual learning / Pros

Nowadays, it is more than evident that virtual learning is increasingly becoming one of the most controversial issues that may positively transform the educational system all over the world for several reasons.

First of all, a virtual course is as close as a computer with an Internet connection. **Hence**, students can take online courses whenever they need them, not based on some college's annual or semester schedule and with no set class times, students themselves decide when to complete their assignments and readings. They personally set the pace.

Added to this, prices are often cheaper for online courses than traditional college with no housing or meals plans to worry about. **Moreover**, Students don't feel the necessity to travel or move far away from home for learning.

Last but not least, virtual school reinforces reading skills and offers up-to-date references and books. It may also provide audio-visual learning aids such as clips, lectures, pictures and exam research papers.

I personally think that virtual learning can prepare students for real professional career via training courses on the net in world that is becoming more and more digital and globalized.



Lifelong learning:

| Benefits | Constraints |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It broadens people's sphere of knowledge.• It enables them to acquire new skills.• It helps them satisfy their needs.• It gives them the opportunity to rise in the social ladder• It helps the individual to get further education and higher qualifications.• It helps them to be active citizens, and not to feel bored | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is hard to have a good time management: because of the office duties, family and work responsibilities• Elderly people generally suffer from Health and physical problems• It may cause financial headaches• Because of age: low intellectual capacities to quickly absorb information• The younger you are the better you acquire knowledge and skills.• Its permanent, therefore it may be very tiring |



Unit 3: creative, inventive minds

Video games

Negative effects of video games

- They have negative impacts on the children's development and behavior.
- They may affect the pupils' school performance.
- They may cause health problems such as obesity, backache, eye injury.
- They may incite aggressive and even violent behavior.

Benefits of video games

- Games which don't involve violence and killing are beneficial for children.
- They increase the children concentration capacity as well as their reflexes.
- They improve the children computer skills.
- They increase their creativity as well as their ability to read and visualize images

The internet & Social media

Advantages:

- It has helped people all over the world to get in touch with a click of the mouse.
- It has enabled them to get informed about the most distant areas on the earth.
- It has helped them to have access to different culture, get news, be educated, find a job, and make new friends.

Disadvantages:

- It has helped trouble makers to spread their fake and poisonous ideas and terrorize people with their rumors.
- It has become a source of addiction for many teenagers



- It has pushed many teenagers to neglect their studies and become bad pupils with low school results

What should be done?

- It's our responsibility to choose which sites to enter and which ones to ban.
- Children should be controlled and shouldn't be allowed to use the internet for a long time.

Brain Drain

| Effects of brain drain | Solution to combat brain drain |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of professionals has negative effects on the social services like education and health care. • The home country will always rely on foreign support • The home country always remains underdeveloped because there are no engineers and technicians who can develop its economy. • The home country will lose thousands of highly educated workers for the benefits of the rich countries which will cost them a fortune to replace them. • It will Increase dependence on foreign technical and financial assistance • It will certainly widen the gap between developed and developing countries. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governments should provide better working conditions and facilities. • The home countries should provide greater job opportunities and job security. • Actions need to be taken to stop political corruption • Measures should be taken to establish the necessary and positive political, social and economic environment that would serve as incentives to limit the brain drain. |



Unit 4: Life issues

Smoking

Effects of smoking

- Thousands of people die every year because of diseases caused by smoking
- Smoking may cause cancer and serious heart diseases.
- It is one of the primary cause of death in many countries.

Benefits of quitting smoking

- Quitting smoking reduces the risk of getting lung cancer, heart disease or stroke.
- It allows you to live longer with family and friends.
- It gives you better quality of life
- It saves you money.

Ways to quit smoking

- Smokers need to have strong will and determination
- Cigarettes should definitely be banned in order to make the world a better place for everyone.
- People should be aware of the dangers of smoking.
- Smokers should be conscious of damage they are causing to themselves and to those around them.
- They should ask for the advice of specialists and doctors.



Eco-driving

It doesn't matter what you drive; nevertheless it really matters how you drive. There are things you can do to save money and reduce energy use, CO2 emissions and pollution. They are simple ideas that really will make a difference.

To start with, regular maintenance of your vehicle is the key to keep your machine ecologically 'green'. You **should** get the car serviced regularly according to the manufacturer's schedule to maintain engine efficiency. Besides, **you'd better** make sure you use the right specification of engine oil and check tyre pressures regularly and before long journeys.

Add to this, your driving habits ought to be minded. While you are en route, you're highly recommended to drive smoothly, accelerate gently and read the road ahead to avoid unnecessary braking. **Moreover**, if you can keep the car moving all the time, so much the better; stopping then starting again uses more fuel than rolling. **Furthermore**, some unnecessary options should be avoided as much as possible such as air-conditioning, higher speeds, open windows which increase fuel consumption.

Last but not least, it's certainly still possible to change your lifestyle and think twice before you decide to get your car out of the garage. Is it really indispensable? Think of the proverb that says: 'if it's not far don't take the car.' If ever you find the alternative, never hesitate to walk short distances, enjoy cycling, or use public transport. That would be cheaper, healthier and most important of all less polluting.



Urban Exodus

| Drawbacks of city life | Benefits o country life |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People are Unfriendly and have no sense of community.• There's a dense population: people are squeezed in small flats.• Because of pollution the air quality is poor• People suffer from health problems such as respiratory illnesses• There's a high unemployment rate: people suffer from joblessness.• There's a higher crime rate and violence• There's a shorter life expectancy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The atmosphere is lively and vibrant• The environment is clean and healthy • People enjoy clean and fresh air• Life is peaceful, safe and cheap• People are friendly and have a strong sense of community• People enjoy longer life expectancy• They can raise their children without fear of delinquency or threat. |



Topic: A friend of yours is thinking of moving from the countryside to live in the city. Write your friend a letter in which you mention the numerous benefits of country life and try to persuade him/her not to move.

Dear friend,

I've just received your letter in which you expressed your intention to leave the countryside and settle in the city and that's why I've decided to write you this letter to share with you some ideas about the issue.

As you know I have been living in the city for a while now. It is true that we are enjoying a modern lifestyle here. We have access to all conveniences and services. However, we greatly miss the calmness and peace of the countryside. In addition to that, the means of transport here are always overcrowded and passengers are always victims of pickpockets. Moreover, hospitals are submerged with long queues of patients waiting hours and hours to see the doctors and the same problem is found whenever you go: banks, shops, markets, public services etc. Besides, violence and crime rates here are very high. What's more is that the atmosphere is polluted with suffocating gases released from factories and vehicles. Furthermore, we are still finding it difficult to sleep at night because of the noise.

In fact, studies have shown that more and more people are leaving the cities to live in the suburbs or even in the country. They are looking for a sense of community, a clean and healthy environment, a cheap, safe and peaceful life. Moreover, they are hoping to raise their children without fear of delinquency or threat, the things which they can never enjoy in big cities.

In a word, our choice to live in the city or in the countryside generally depends on our preferences and expectations. Each area has its positive and negative aspects. Therefore, what seems to be a comfortable and attractive place for some people may be boring and far from being comfortable for others.

And this is why I honestly believe that your decision to move to the city should be reconsidered.

I wish you all the best

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Saving the environment:

Pollution is a very serious problem that affects not only the existence of animals and plants but also our existence. In fact when we think about doing something to save the environment, we think, it is beyond human capacity. In fact, there are so many simple ways to save the environment.

For example, everybody is required to plant more trees in their schools, at home, in the workplace etc... There will come a day when we have green spaces thanks to your effort.

Moreover, it would be a good idea if we walk short distances instead of taking our car every time. Both cycling and walking are good exercises. And each time you avoid using your car, you are contributing to reducing air pollution.

In addition, everybody should save energy by turning off the light when they leave a room, or switch off their computers when they are not in use.

Another easy but important thing that we can use to save the environment is reducing the use of plastic. For instance, we can use paper bags or buy products that we can reuse.

These are very few easy and simple things that everybody can do and that can be very beneficial for us and for the environment

How can we help reduce the effects of 'global warming'?

Not surprisingly today, it is more than evident that global warming is alarmingly becoming one of the most crucial debated controversial issues that may jeopardize the welfare and pure existence of all species on earth. **Nevertheless,** options are still available to combat such a lethal disaster in a variety of simple actions.

Initially, we shall admit that individuals, governments and international organizations are all concerned about the environment. Individuals don't need to wait for governments to find a solution for this problem and each one can bring an important help adopting a more responsible lifestyle starting from little everyday things. We can follow RRR theory-Reduce,



Reuse, and Recycle. Let's do our part to reduce waste by choosing reusable products instead of undegradable disposables.

Society, as well, represented by the government and environmentalist organizations ought to think of more efficient sensitizing campaigns to make people more ecology conscious. Moreover, strict laws should be passed to reduce or at least regulate the number of vehicles and factories. Besides, trees which absorb a large amount of carbon dioxide should be planted. Also, existing forests should be saved.

Letter of Application

receiver's address

Mr/s
44 Randolph Square, London, EC1 4 BE

sender's address

7 Russel Street- Brighton

Date

20th December 2022

Salutation

Dear Mr/s.....,

I would like to apply for the post of advertised in today's newspaper.

As you can see from my curriculum vitae, I have had six years' experience as a

Five of these have been in a very large company and I'm particularly keen to continue working in this industry.

I enclose my CV and will be available for interview any day after 25th December.

I look forward to your reply.

Complementary close

Yours sincerely,

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