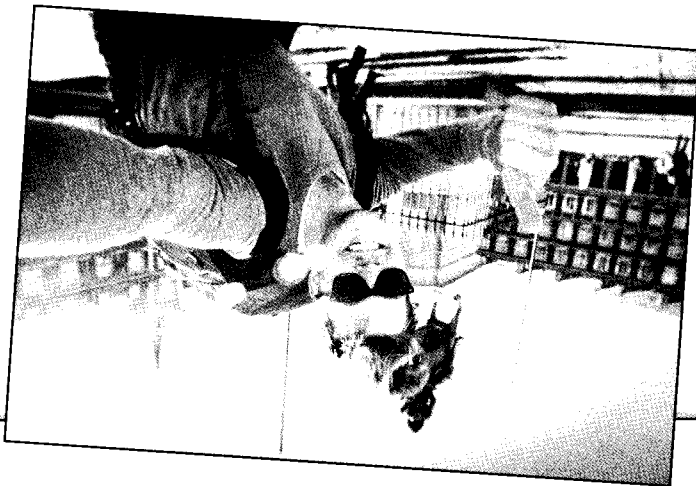


Have fun writing your article! Make sure your grammar and spelling is correct, but the style for an article can be quite informal.

Exam tip!

Write your article.



Articles wanted

Should I take a gap year?

We are looking for articles about gap years. You may have been on a gap year or you may be considering taking one. Tell us about your concerns. Suggestions and tips welcome!

The best articles will be published in next month's magazine.

You see this announcement in an English-language magazine:

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4 Read the exam task and write your article.

b) Head for Peru and brush up your Spanish!

5 a) You could improve your high school Spanish by enrolling on a language course in a Spanish-speaking country.

b) For me, the best part of my gap year was learning new skills.

4 a) The biggest advantage of a gap year can be learning new skills.

b) If students want to take part in a gap year programme, it can be expensive.

3 a) Taking part in a gap year programme can be expensive.

b) Surprisingly, the experiences students gain can prepare them better for college or work.

2 a) You might be surprised to know that your gap year experiences can actually prepare you better for college or work.

b) So without the structure of school or college, can students still make good use of their time?

1 a) First of all, without the structure that school or college provides, students may not make good use of their time.

3 Work in pairs. Read the pairs of sentences and discuss which is the most appropriate style for an article with this title: *Gap years: a good use of time or just time off?*

2 In pairs, write a list of five tips for someone who is thinking of doing a gap year. Use the information in the texts to help you.