

• Say what kind of article (for/against, opinion, solutions to a problem, descriptive, narrative) you have to write in the following tasks:

1. Write an article to be published in a national airline's in-flight magazine giving practical advice to people visiting your country for the first time.

2. Your teacher has asked you to write a composition giving arguments for and against owning a mobile phone.

3. An environmental magazine is investigating the question: *What can people do to help protect the environment?* Write an article for the magazine on this topic.

4. Your town has received a large grant. Write an article for the local newspaper giving your opinion as to how this money could best be spent.

5. A computer magazine is investigating the question: *Should children be allowed to use computers?* Write an article for the magazine.

6. A magazine for young people has invited readers to contribute articles to a forthcoming series entitled "Milestones" in which they will feature important events in people's lives. Write an article describing a major event in your life, giving reasons why it was so significant.

7. Your school newspaper needs an article about the advantages and disadvantages of being a professional sportsman. Write an article for the newspaper.

8. "The quality of life was better fifty years ago than it is today". How far do you agree with this statement?

9. An educational magazine has invited students to submit an article explaining why they started learning English. Write an article for the magazine.

10. A health magazine is investigating the question: *Should smoking be banned in public places?* Write an article for the magazine on this topic, based on your own experience.

11. You have been discussing in class the most serious problems that cities face nowadays. Your teacher has asked you to write an article entitled: *How can we make our city a better place to live?*

12. An international magazine is planning a feature on television, to appear in a future issue. Readers have been asked to submit articles entitled "Television in my country". Write an article in which you describe the kinds of channels available in your country and give your opinion on such things as programme quality and viewing habits.

13. A young people's magazine has asked its readers to submit descriptions of their favourite family member, commenting on how this person has influenced them. Write your article for the magazine.

14. A magazine offers its readers the opportunity to write articles expressing their opinion on certain topics. They have asked their readers to write an article entitled "The pros and cons of living in a foreign country". Write your article for the magazine.

15. "People spend too much time and money on fashion". Do you agree or disagree?

16. For many elderly people the latter part of their life is a difficult and unhappy period, owing to different problems. Write an article for a magazine discussing the question: "What could be done to improve the lives of the elderly?"

Key:

1. Descriptive article
2. For/against article
3. "Solutions to a problem" article
4. Opinion article
5. For/against OR opinion article: it is not clear from the task if we have to state our opinion or if we have to give advantages and disadvantages, so you can choose.
6. Narrative article (=describe an event, occasion, time, etc.)
7. For/against article
8. Opinion article
9. Narrative article
10. Opinion article
11. "Solutions to a problem" article
12. Opinion + descriptive article
13. Descriptive article (=describe a place, person, etc.)
14. For/against article
15. Opinion article
16. "Solutions to a problem" article