**Article Writing**

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Taken from <https://englishexamhelp.com/how-to-write-an-article-for-new-fce-exam/>

The student’s article is a bit short but there is a lot of useful language here.

Here’s a topic that has been divided into paragraphs and each of the sections explained.

You see this competition in an international magazine.

COMPETITION

Imagine you were on a desert island. What would you miss most? Write an article briefly describing an important object, person or place in your life and give reasons for your choice.

The best article will be published and the writer will receive £500.

Write your article in 140- 190 words.

Sample answer:

Life away from home

How would you feel about living on a desert island? I can’t imagine anything worse. I would miss a lot of things, but most of all I would miss my home.

You start with Paragraph 1- Introduction  
In the introduction you :

– think of a title that will catch the reader’s attention

– include the topic- you might not know the reader personally, but still, you can address him/her directly (e.g. ask them a question)

Phrases you can use in the introduction:

*Addressing the reader*

Have you ever..

You absolutely must …

Can you imagine …

I’m sure you’d agree

I must tell you about …

You wouldn’t believe..

REMEMBER: It’s a semi-formal/ informal piece of writing make it interesting by including a range of language, e.g. adjectives and adverbs, phrasal verbs, collocations, relative clauses, linkers, one or two idioms.

My home is a small house on the outskirts of a city. It was built about fifty years ago and has a small garden. In the summer our country gets very hot but our house is always cool.

Note that the question/topic says the description should be ‘brief’.

Phrases you can use in the 2nd and 3rd paragraph:

*Giving a strong opinion*

It’s absolutely stunning / terrible (strong adjective).

It took my breath away.

I will never forget it.

There’s nothing in the world like it.

Adding and developing ideas

For a start .. Secondly. / Thirdly./ Finally….

And then there’s the fact that ..

On top of that….

Apart from that….

I must also mention …

As if this wasn’t enough, …

Giving examples …. such as ../.. particularly …/ ….like…

You would probably think our house is nothing special, but I have lived there all my life and all my friends live nearby. It is a happy place, where I feel completely safe. Whenever I go away, I look forward to coming back, lying on my bed, reading a book and listening to my brother and sister arguing downstairs!

In the 3rd Paragraph you :

– give specific examples to bring your article to life

– use informal language to involve the reader

– don’t forget to express your opinion

– be personal

I love travelling and meeting new people, but if I were on a desert island I would be away from the place I love most — my home — and I would hate that.

In the last paragraph you :

– finish with a sentence which summarises what you have said

– end with an interesting last sentence

– give your opinion or express your feeling

Summary:

* Your article should be divided into 4 paragraphs.
* The language is semi-formal.
* Make sure you understand who your reader is and speak to him/her directly.
* Use humour if you like.

For tips on how to write a Keep Safe article, refer to page 116 of your English File B2 Digital Gold Student’s Book.