

Writing

Student's book page 15, exercise 8

8 Read the two sample reports on page 72 of the Activity Book. Which do you think gives a clearer picture of participation in the arts in London, England? Why? Consider the following:

- structure
- register
- vocabulary
- content

Now write a paragraph of 60 words summarising your preferred report.

Unit 2 Sample report 1

Participation in the arts in London, England

Introduction

The aim of this report is to provide information concerning participation in the arts in London, England. It will include factors which discourage people from taking part and suggest ways to increase participation.

Current situation

I interviewed people between the ages of 15 and 50 who live in London. Just under half of the people who were interviewed said they took part in music, drama or art. The most popular activity was taking music lessons, followed by going to art galleries and concerts. Drama and dance classes were popular with people in their thirties because classes are social occasions.

Factors preventing fuller participation

About 40 per cent of people asked said that they did not enjoy the arts, giving reasons such as boredom for this. The other 60 per cent said that most arts-related activities were too expensive, such as theatre visits or music lessons. Some people said that finding a good teacher was difficult.

Recommendations

It is important to focus on those who currently do not participate in the arts at all by

- arranging a subsidised program for those who want to study music or dance but do not have enough money
- publicising and presenting cheaper theatre performances
- further research into reasons why people do not enjoy the arts.

Unit 2 Sample report 2

A study was done to find out about the number of people who participate in the arts in London. We wanted to find out what kind of arts activities people preferred, whether they liked watching drama or dance, going to galleries, or participating actively in the arts scene. We also wanted to suggest how to improve participation in the arts.

About forty per cent of the people that we asked said that they took part in arts activities. This included music and dance lessons, as well as trips to art galleries and theatres. The remaining sixty per cent of people said that they could not afford to do these things, or that they did not find them interesting.

In conclusion, it might be a good idea to get funding to make some arts activities a lot cheaper to do. This would increase participation from those who already take part, as well as make the activities more attractive for the people who do not participate at the moment.

My preferred report is the first one. The first report has information concerning taking part in the arts in London. It gives more information about the factors which prevent people from participating and provides some suggestions to raise participation. In addition he used subheadings which made it easier for the reader of the report to understand the report and to find any required information. The writer interviewed people aged between 15 and 50 who live in London. He discovered some interesting findings. Finally, he gave some suggestions to increase taking part in the arts and used bullet points to make these suggestions clearer for the reader.

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Student's book, exercise 9/page 17

Consider the plan of a report about free-time activities that are available in your area on page 73 of the Activity Book. In groups of five, choose a paragraph each and expand it. Present your paragraph to the group, and join the five paragraphs. Make any necessary adaptations.

Free-time activities available in [your town]

Introduction

This report examines the free-time activities that [your town] has to offer. [include details of the town such as population, size, geographical location; list main types of entertainment that can be found, such as sport, music and the arts, public services, shopping]

Subheading 1 [e.g. Sport]

[detail the sports facilities and available sports, and any terrain that might encourage e.g. cycling or running; describe how popular each sport is, and note the type of people who practise it]

Subheading 2 [e.g. Music and the arts]

[detail any theatres or concert halls, say what is currently showing what has shown in the past; include any youth orchestras and include the level of achievement; include cinemas and galleries if possible]

Subheading 3 [e.g. Public services]

[include any libraries, museums, parks or other public services]

Conclusion

[sum up the information; comment on whether there is much or little to do in [your town]; include a recommendation for what could be improved (and how) if applicable]

Suggested answer

Free-time activities in my town

Introduction

This report examines the free time activities that my town has to offer. My town has a population of about 100,00 people, so it is a big town. It is located 20 kilometers north of the Capital

Amman. My town provides a number of types of entertainment such as sport, public service and shopping.

Sport

I interviewed young people in my town. I found out that 90 per cent of them practise football as free time activity. 5 per cent practise volleyball and basketball. The rest practise different sports such as running, cycling and swimming.

Shopping

About 50 per cent of adults asked said that they enjoyed shopping in my town as it has some big shopping centers. The other 50 per cent said they didn't enjoy shopping because these shopping centers are crowded and they sell expensive products.

Public Service

Only 3 per cent of the people I interviewed said they visited the public library in my town. The majority complained that their town doesn't have museums, parks or recreation places.

Conclusion

My town is poor in free-time activities. Therefore I suggest solving this problem by

- Building parks and gardens for all people to go to for their free time activities.
- Spreading information about the public library because some people don't know anything about it.

Writing

Student's book, exercise 8/page 19

Write a report about health facilities in your area. Remember to include a title, and supply factual information. Write about 200 words.

Health Facilities in my area

Introduction

The aim of this report is to shed the light on health facilities in my area. My city is a crowded place but thanks to God that we have well-equipped and highly developed health facilities.

Health centers

There are two modern governmental health centers in my area. Although these centers are crowded, they provide good health services to many people. There are other private health centers that provide health services to the people who don't have health insurance (security).

Hospitals

My city has two big hospitals : the military hospital and another private hospital. These two hospitals have well-trained staff : doctors and nurses. Unfortunately, more than 50 per cent of people complain about crowdedness in these hospitals.

Recommendations

It appears that crowdedness is the major problem concerning health facilities in my area. Therefore, I suggest the following steps to ease or get rid of crowdedness.

- Building a new hospital that can serve 200 beds.
- Providing the hospitals and the health centers with more doctors.
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Activity book page 14, exercises 11+12

11 Read the article on page 13 again, then answer the questions in note form.

1. Paragraphs A and B: In your opinion, is this true of Jordan? What about you, your family and friends? Give examples from your own experience to explain your answers.

In my opinion, I think that the problem of obesity is common in almost all countries of the world including Jordan. On a personal level, my family's lifestyle shows that there is a risk of obesity as long as we always order fast food and each one of us is holding his or her smartphone instead of going out or doing an outdoor activity. This case can also be seen among my friends. Instead of playing a sport, we tend to play computer games.

2. Paragraphs C and D: Think of some simple ways you and other people you know could increase your physical activity. Write two or three ideas.

1. Joining a gym or a sports center.

2. Playing football or any other sport in our free time.

3. Going to school on foot.

12 Now write a two-paragraph report to answer the questions. Use your notes from exercise 11. Are you, your family and your friends active enough? How could you increase your physical activity?

Obesity in Jordan

The current situation

In Jordan, a lot of people suffer from the problem of obesity. Because people are fond of fast food and drive their cars for moving from one place to another, they have become fatter and

fatter. I have put on some weight recently because I spend too much time in front of the T.V. My dad is overweight and so is my mother.

Serious decisions

My family and I have taken some serious steps to get rid of obesity. First, we have joined a sports center where experts help us to exercise three days a week. Besides we have stopped eating fast food and junk food. Instead, we eat salad, fish and beef. In addition, we now walk to the shops to buy our needs. We don't use the car anymore.