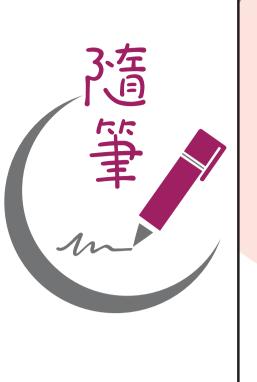


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Your teacher has asked you to write a one-sided argumentative essay on the topic

'Technology is good for students'.

3A Luo Jing Fang

Technology: A Game-Changer for Student Learning

Is technology good or bad? Nowadays, technology is growing fast, and many students use it for fun, making their lives much easier. I believe that technology brings more benefits to students and can empower students in unprecedented ways...

First of all, technology helps students study more effectively and efficiently. For example, they can take notes on their iPads or computers, and there are numerous educational apps available to help both teachers and students in the learning process.

Secondly, technology helps students learn regardless of their time and location. There are apps that provide platforms for students to attend classes or participate in online discussions. This addresses the issue of learning disruptions when students are sick or unable to go to school.

Last but not least, technology offers the opportunity for students to create personalized learning methods and tailor their own curricula. Online institutions provide virtual lessons, allowing students to choose their preferred learning style, such as one-on-one sessions. Additionally, students can use technology to develop their own study plans, set goals, and track their progress on their iPads or computers, thus enhancing their

In conclusion, technology can significantly aid students in improving their study skills. When used correctly, the benefits of technology outweigh the disadvantages for students.

You are writing an email to your friend in Australia about Hong Kong food. Write an email about some of the different kinds of food he or she can eat in Hong Kong.

Hi Torres,

2A Yeung King Hang Teacher: CTF

How are you doing in Australia? Do you want to come to Hong Kong sometime? There is lots of delicious food here. Let me introduce you to some.

Here are some of my favorites: Dim Sum, it is one of our cultural dishes here in Hong Kong. It includes dumplings, steamed beef balls, siu mai, and more. We usually have these for breakfast

When you're in a hurry but haven't eaten yet, try some of our famous snacks. Curry fish balls are savory and spicy snacks that are cheap and tasty. Also, have you tried stinky tofu? Despite the name, they are really delicious. They are fried and served hot, and they can be quite addictive. Another favorite of mine is wife cake. It s a soft bun filled with sweet winter melon paste, and you can find it in many restaurants in Hong Kong.

Now, onto the main dishes. Hong Kong is famous for its seafood. When prepared with the right ingredients, they are served fresh and aromatic. Steamed shrimp is a popular choice, and it tastes even better as you dig in. One of my personal favorites is spicy fried crab. It's mouthwatering and full of flavor. Another classic dish is steamed fish, simple yet delicious. Although it can be a bit pricey, it's worth it for a special occasion.

After a satisfying meal, if you still have room for dessert, Hong Kong has some fantastic options. Mango sago soup is a must-try. It may look plain, but the taste is exceptional. Another sweet treat is sweet potato soup, perfect for those with a sweet tooth.

That's all I wanted to share. I hope you can visit Hong Kong sometime and experience these amazing dishes for yourself.

4C Chan Ching Tung

Write a restaurant review

Restaurant name: 1968 Bistro Date of visit: 13th April, 2024 Hours: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. **Location: Sham Shui Po Price: \$100 - \$150 Type of food: Western**

Food: Variety:

Service:

Price:

Teacher: CLW ***

1A Law Tsz Pong



I went to 1968 Bistro on my birthday with my family. We chose this restaurant because it served Western food and I'm crazy about pork. I heard the pork there was very good.

The menu offered a lot of options, and it was unique. The food sounded so savory. We ordered a U.S. Angus beef burger with pineapple, smoked salmon spaghetti with herb cream sauce, and slow-cooked Canadian pork rack. When the food arrived, we were surprised. The portions were very big!

I poured the sauce on my pork rack and cut it into small pieces. It was delicious. The taste was indescribable!

Overall, the service was great. The waiters and waitresses were friendly and knowledgeable. Although the food came slowly, it was worth it. We spent about \$700 at the restaurant. The price was reasonable.

I highly recommend this restaurant if you like pork or steak. I'd definitely go back again.

A recent survey has found that Hong Kong has the longest working hours in the world.

You are Chris Wong. Write a letter to the editor expressing your views. Describe the situation. Discuss the negative effects of the 'work till you drop' culture. Explain why it is important to maintain a work-life balance.

5B Ng Tsz Kit Teacher: WKK

I am writing to express my views on the recent survey findings of Hong Kong having the longest working hours in the

The main reason making Hong Kong having the longest working hours is the 'work till you drop' culture in Hong Kong and the negative effects it brings. 'Work till you drop' literally means working till you collapse an unsustainable way of working.

Risking your mental and physical health for work is sadly a common occurrence in Hong Kong with the long working hours and heavy workloads. People sacrifice their lives for work to lead a better life, thinking that it will pay off in the long term. Making ends meet is also becoming more challenging for Hong Kong people with the rising inflation. The combination of factors might actually lead to people dropping dead left and right.

Overwork is not only attributed to employees' decisions but companies and employers' compulsion. Companies extend working hours for everyone. Bosses increase the managers' workloads, then managers push the employees to cope with the extra workloads, a cycle of never-ending workloads for everyone. Unfortunately, companies disregard employees' enormous workloads, they only contemplate maximizing their profits. If there is a drop in profits, the will increase the workload.

That is why maintaining a good work-life balance is a must for busy people in Hong Kong, defined as spending an equal amount of time on work and non-work activities. Work-life balance has proved to be beneficial to your physical and mental health.

Nevertheless, only thinking of a work-life balance is useless, you need to take the initiative and plan ahead. To leave work at a set time is good enough for a start, as overfocus on a good work-life balance is detrimental to your well-being.

Yours faithfully, Chris Wong

Complaint about Poor Condition of Holiday Flat

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I am writing to express my disappointment with the recent experience my had last weekend in a holiday flat. I took this photograph when I arrived. I feel compelled to bring this matter to your attention in the hope that appropriate actions can be taken to rectify the situation.

To begin with, I was shocked by the room condition of the flat. The flat was extremely filthy, and the place was messy. It was evident that the flat had not been properly cleaned for quite some time, and it made our trip

Furthermore, I was scared by the flat being filled with cockroaches. The flat was messy, with cockroaches

crawling around, and the HVAC system was malfunctioning. The flat was not maintained. To address this issue, I would like to suggest a few solutions. Firstly, it is imperative that your company conducts regular inspections and cleans the flat regularly. Secondly, it is essential to find a pest control company

I sincerely hope that you take my complaint seriously and take immediate measures to improve the quality of

service provided by your company. I believe that by doing so, you will not only regain my trust but also the trust of many other dissatisfied customers.

Yours sincerely, Chris Wong

You and your friends want to join some online fitness classes. You are going to write an article on online fitness classes. In your article, talk about advantages of online fitness classes, things to consider when choose an online fitness class, whether online fitness classes will continue to be popular

Online fitness courses

4A Tse Man Hin Teacher: CC

In this day and age, more and more citizens start valuing their physical and mental health. As a result, they may want to join some fitness classes in order to maintain a healthy body. With the advancement of technology, many online fitness courses have gained popularity among the general public. According to recent research conducted by the Consumer Council, over 70% of fitness course customers prefer online lessons to face-to-face approaches. Therefore, most of the bricks-and-mortar stores have been replaced. Meanwhile, online fitness classes have become a prevalent trend. Why are they willing to attend online fitness classes?

In the first place, online fitness classes bring a lot of convenience. Customers do not need to travel long distances to the training venue. It is so convenient that they just need to access online lessons via their electronics and communicate with coaches. Moreover, customers do not need to worry about whether bad weather will affect their courses. Despite adverse weather conditions sometimes, customers can join the lessons as usual. That's why online courses are more convenient than conventional courses.

On the other hand, so flexible are online lessons that customers can choose to participate in the relevant lessons according to their own preferences. It offers flexibility for customers to set up their individual schedule and make the most of their time. There is no limitation of joining courses, no solid location and no fixed time. Customers can attend classes anywhere and anytime. Therefore, online courses can provide

In spite of a variety of merits, there is still something to take into consideration. When choosing an online fitness class, you have to be careful. Little do the public know fishy websites appear ordinary on the internet, so they may mistakenly click on the link to the fake websites and leak their personal information. Worse still, some may even fall victim to online scams, resulting in terrible suffering. Secondly, you have to be concerned about the cost and whether it is reasonable or not. You have to assess both the price and the quality of training. Thirdly, you have to refer to the relevant comments written by previous participants. Not only do they provide valuable and vital references for you, but they also help reflect the efficiency and quality

Without hesitation, I would say that online fitness classes will continue to be popular. Living in a city of hustle and bustle, we have to race against time and make good use of every second. There is no point in wasting time. Hence, online fitness classes can not only save us much time but also help us keep a healthy body. Needless to say, nowadays, those who want to keep fit will definitely prioritize online fitness courses over conventional training.



Dear Editor,

4A Li Wai Kong Teacher: TLY

2ND ST. STATIONER

Last week, the school Green Club held an event to reduce school lunch waste. We encouraged students to join us in this goal and the event was a great success. Since then, students have been reducing their lunch waste. Our Green Club's objectives are to encourage students to reduce lunch waste and raise their environmental awareness. To achieve this, we organized an environmental lecture to educate students on how to reduce lunch waste and why it is important.

According to a 2021 report published by the World Health Organization (WHO), 8-10% of global greenhouse gas emissions are associated with food that is not consumed, exacerbating climate change. Additionally, the report revealed that over 800 million people are suffering from severe malnutrition. Therefore, it is crucial to educate students on reducing school lunch waste. To achieve this, the Green Club designed events to raise students' environmental awareness

To encourage students to reduce school lunch waste, we asked them to finish all the food in their lunchbox and then bring it to their teachers for inspection. If students wasted less than 35g of food within a week, they could receive rewards such as an exquisite notebook or an eco-bag. The event was a great success, with high levels of student participation. According to a questionnaire, over 80% of students enjoyed the event, even though it was mandatory.



According to data, our school used to produce 150 to 200 kg of food waste every week. However, after the event, this number significantly dropped to 50 kg per week. Furthermore, students reported feeling more motivated to finish their meals after realizing the importance of food. This event had a remarkable impact on reducing waste and creating a positive atmosphere at the school.

Due to the success of this event, we will continue to hold similar events every month. If you are interested in our future events, please follow us on Instagram or Facebook to receive timely notifications.

4D Lee Sze Wing

In recent years, e-books are gaining popularity.

Write an article about what e-books are, the advantages and disadvantages of e-books and whether e-books can replace print books.



Teacher: WKK Nowadays, a lot of students and teachers use e-books electronic books. With the development of technology, a lot of students have their own electronic devices. They use e-books to learn and do revision. Besides, teachers use e-books to teach. E-books have many functions. Teachers can use e-books to share their notes with students.

There are many advantages of using e-books. E-books are convenient to use. They are portable. Print books are very heavy. If students use e-books, they will not have to wear heavy backpacks to school. It is beneficial to their spine health. E-books are very useful because they have many functions. It is convenient for students to use e-books to do revision as they can access extra information more easily. Besides, e-books are environmentally-friendly because paper is not wasted to make textbooks. Students can download e-books using their iPads.

However, using e-books also has disadvantages. If you use e-books, you should buy electronic devices, which can be very expensive. Users should also pay the license fee. Besides, long screen time is bad for your health. It harms your eyesight and leads to short-sightedness. Moreover, using electronic devices around bedtime can affect sleep patterns. Users may not be able to sleep well. Worse still, electronic devices can emit radiation, which can be detrimental to health.

I believe e-books can replace print books. In this day and age, a growing number of students have their own iPads. It is convenient for them to use e-books. Students do not need to go to book stores to buy the latest edition of textbooks. Also, in order to protect the environment, more publishers will go paperless. If we use e-books, fewer trees will be cut down to produce paper for textbooks. As e-books are convenient and environmentally-friendly, they will replace print books.

1A 黃心頤

In recent years, the number of small independent stationery shops in Hong Kong has fallen.

- Write a news report for the Hong Kong Post

- Explain this trend and discuss whether independent stationery shops can survive

> 4A Lam Tsz Ki **Teacher: CTF**

The Downfall of Independent Stationery Shops

Over the past few years, there has been a drop in small independent stationery shops in Hong Kong. According to the Census and Statistics Department, chain stationery shops' market share is more than 70%. They are ubiquitous, but independent ones are nowhere to be seen nowadays. What is the reason for the current situation?

The first cause of the decline is the redevelopment of housing estates and the demolition of traditional malls. New malls, with significantly higher rents, require independent stationery shops to fulfil harsher terms so that they can operate there. In fact, many independent stationery shops shut down with the redevelopment of public housing estates. "New malls' rent is too expensive, and during the past 3 years, over 60% of the running cost goes to rent. I almost have no income to maintain the basic livelihood of myself!" said Sam, the owner of an independent stationery shop.

The second reason for the decrease is the change in shopping mode. Over time, independent stationery stores have become the second option for young people who prefer a better shopping environment. Therefore, chain stationery stores, which are more accessible and have better marketing strategies, become young people's first choice when they need to shop for stationery. The immense capital input for chain stores has made logistics more efficient and largely expanded the selection of products. This largely satisfies young people's need for a shopping experience.

The decline of independent stationery shops in Hong Kong is believed to continue due to urban renewal. First and foremost, the target customers are fixed in quantity, while stationery shops that look for ways to be profitable are in competition. Chain stores easily attract customers with their marketing budget. In contrast, independent stationery shops are obscure, with young people

Apart from the above reasons, young people's lifestyle and mode of shopping also contribute to the decline of independent stationery shops. Nowadays, online shopping has become immensely popular, especially after the pandemic. Unfortunately, it is costly to build and maintain a sustainable online shopping website. Therefore, it is alarming for independent stationery shops as their prospects in online shopping become pessimistic. It is for this reason that the need for physical stores has declined. Independent stationery shops will be eliminated and replaced in the long run.

All in all, it is expected that independent stationery shops in Hong Kong will continue to decline.

Should PE lessons be cancelled?

I am writing in response to the discussion suggesting the cancellation of PE lessons to provide students with more time to study. As an ordinary secondary student in Hong Kong, I do not believe that this proposal would bring any benefits to students.

From a physical standpoint, students already struggle to get adequate sleep. They are burdened with countless tests, examinations, and a significant amount of assignments. It is common in our society for students to study late into the night, resulting in a lack of sleep. Consequently, their academic performance suffers due to fatigue during class. If PE lessons were removed from the curriculum, another academic subject would likely replace it, only adding to the students' academic stress.

Furthermore, engaging in sports is not only beneficial for physical health but also plays a crucial role in academic success. Research has consistently shown that regular physical activity has a positive impact on academic performance. It has been linked to improved memory, attention span, and problem-solving skills. When students participate in sports and exercise, they increase blood flow to the brain, which enhances cognitive function. This, in turn, can positively impact their ability to understand and retain information, leading to better academic performance.



In fact, having PE lessons does not have a negative impact on students' overall performance. On the contrary, it aids in better learning and leads to improvement in their studies. Therefore, PE lessons should not be cancelled.

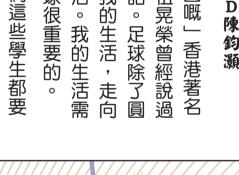
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Yours sincerely, Chris Wong

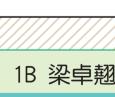
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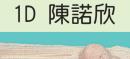
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