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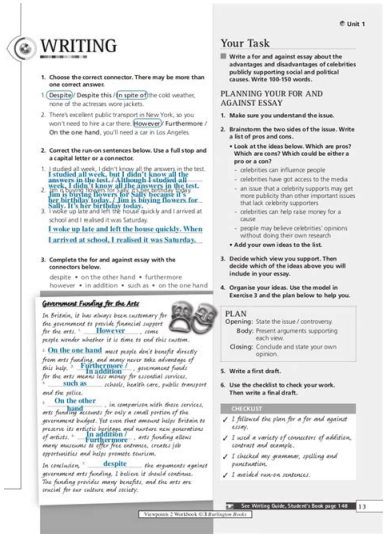

WRITING

1. Choose the correct connector. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. Despite / Despite this / In spite of the cold weather, none of the actresses wore jackets.
2. There's excellent public transport in New York, so you won't need to hire a car there. However / Furthermore / On the one hand, you'll need a car in Los Angeles.

2. Correct the run-on sentences below. Use a full stop and a capital letter or a connector.

1. I studied all week, I didn't know all the answers in the test. I studied all week, but I didn't know all the answers in the test. / Although I studied all week, I didn't know all the answers in the test.
2. Jim is buying flowers for Sally because it's her birthday today. / Jim is buying flowers for Sally. It's her birthday today.
3. I woke up late and left the house quickly and I arrived at school and I realised it was Saturday.

I woke up late and left the house quickly. When I arrived at school, I realised it was Saturday.

3. Complete the for and against essay with the connectors below.

despite • on the other hand • furthermore
however • in addition • such as • on the one hand

Government Funding for the Arts

In Britain, it has always been customary for the government to provide financial support for the arts. ' However ' some people wonder whether it is time to end this custom.

' On the one hand ' most people don't benefit directly from arts funding, and many never take advantage of this help. ' Furthermore / In addition ' government funds for the arts means less money for essential services, ' such as ' schools, health care, public transport and the police.

' On the other hand ' in comparison with these services, arts funding accounts for only a small portion of the government budget. Yet even that amount helps Britain to preserve its artistic heritage and nurture new generations of artists. ' In addition / Furthermore ' arts funding allows many museums to offer free entrance, creates job opportunities and helps promote tourism.

In conclusion, ' despite ' the arguments against government arts funding, I believe it should continue. The funding provides many benefits, and the arts are crucial for our culture and society.

Unit 1

Your Task

Write a for and against essay about the advantages and disadvantages of celebrities publicly supporting social and political causes. Write 100-150 words.

PLANNING YOUR FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

1. Make sure you understand the issue.
2. Brainstorm the two sides of the issue. Write a list of pros and cons.
   - Look at the ideas below. Which are pros? Which are cons? Which could be either a pro or a con?
     - celebrities can influence people
     - celebrities have got access to the media
     - an issue that a celebrity supports may get more publicity than other important issues that lack celebrity supporters
     - celebrities can help raise money for a cause
     - people may believe celebrities' opinions without doing their own research
   - Add your own ideas to the list.
3. Decide which view you support. Then decide which of the ideas above you will include in your essay.
4. Organise your ideas. Use the model in Exercise 3 and the plan below to help you.

PLAN

Opening: State the issue / controversy.
Body: Present arguments supporting each view.
Closing: Conclude and state your own opinion.

5. Write a first draft.
6. Use the checklist to check your work. Then write a final draft.

CHECKLIST

✓ I followed the plan for a for and against essay.
✓ I used a variety of connectors of addition, contrast and example.
✓ I checked my grammar, spelling and punctuation.
✓ I avoided run-on sentences.

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