

## Pearson ESOL | Level 2 | Article Task 5

The Askton Family Fun Weekend took place last month in Askton Country Park.

The Family Fun Weekend was so popular, the Country Park opened for people and families to camp in tents and caravans over the weekend. There was lots to see and do for the whole family. This included face painting, bouncy castles, workshops and games for children. There were also live music and dance performances throughout the weekend, and stalls demonstrating and selling local crafts. Cafes and restaurants offered a wide range of international food and organised cookery competitions for children and adults.

You have been asked to write an article about the Family Fun Weekend for your local community magazine. In your article, describe when and where the Family Fun Weekend took place, the different activities and attractions there, and your experience of the Family Fun Weekend.

You **must** write between **240–280 words**, using the full range of sentence structures available (simple, compound, complex).

Your text should be suitably formatted for a magazine article.

You **must** plan your article here.











## Mark Scheme

1.1	The plan is in a recognised format, e.g. spider diagrams, notes, lists, draft or a combination of these.	1
1.1	There is evidence in the plan of a logical sequence of the content for the article.	1
1.1	<p>The content of the plan is relevant to the given scenario. It must include <b>some</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• descriptions of when and where the Family Fun Weekend took place</li> <li>• the different activities and attractions</li> <li>• their experience of the Family Fun Weekend.</li> </ul> <p>Candidates may show that they intend to cover their chosen sub-topics briefly or at least <b>two</b> in greater depth.</p>	1
2.1	<p>Persuasive content and level of detail is suitable to fulfil purpose.</p> <p>Covers many sub-topics briefly or at least <b>two</b> in depth.</p>	1
2.2	<p>Uses suitable informative/persuasive language for the topic and for a magazine article.</p> <p><b>Allow this mark if the minimum word count is met. (240 words)</b></p> <p><b>Accept 90% of minimum word count. (216 words)</b></p>	1
2.3	Uses fit for purpose format for a magazine article, e.g. logical coherent flow with introduction, body of information and conclusion.	1
2.3	Uses at least <b>two</b> formatting devices to organise the article, e.g. title, subheadings, paragraphs, bulleted/numbered list.	1
2.4	<p>Uses grammar correctly as appropriate for the article, e.g. correct subject-verb agreement in complex sentences, use of connectives to express contrast such as '<i>Although it was expensive, we enjoyed the weekend.</i>'</p> <p>Allow <b>one</b> grammatical error.</p> <p><b>Allow this mark if the minimum word count is met. (240 words)</b></p> <p><b>Accept 90% of minimum word count. (216 words)</b></p>	1
2.4	<p>Demonstrates the full range of sentence structures (simple, compound, complex) correctly in the article.</p> <p>Uses the full range of sentence structures appropriately.</p> <p><b>Allow this mark if the minimum word count is met. (240 words)</b></p> <p><b>Accept 90% of minimum word count. (216 words)</b></p>	1
2.5	<p>Uses punctuation correctly.</p> <p>Allow <b>one</b> punctuation error.</p> <p><b>Allow this mark if the minimum word count is met. (240 words)</b></p> <p><b>Accept 90% of minimum word count. (216 words)</b></p>	1
2.6	<p>Accurate spelling used.</p> <p>Allow <b>two</b> spelling errors in total.</p> <p><b>Allow this mark if the minimum word count is met. (240 words)</b></p> <p><b>Accept 90% of minimum word count. (216 words)</b></p>	1