

Topic 3 - Test 2

You see this announcement in an international magazine.

Healthy Living in the City

Our city has a serious pollution problem. The air quality is really poor and there is rubbish dumped everywhere - even in the rivers and streams. The situation is terrible. But what can be done?

What do you think? Write an article giving your suggestions.

Healthy living in the city

Would you ever imagine living in a house with litter scattered all over the place? Leftovers in the kitchen, filthy clothes in the bedroom and sewage water in the dining room? If you find this picture repulsive then why do you let it happen in your town?

It's impossible to stroll down a street without inhaling the dark smoke of exhaustion pipes. The chimneys of most houses fill the air with grey clouds of smoke. But it's not only the city centre. Our suburbs are spoilt, too. The town river has become an eyesore. Empty cans and plastic bags decorate the once picturesque river banks.

Several reasons can be attributed to this deplorable situation. First, it's the indifference of the authorities. There is no state control of the condition of the vehicles and consequently they exhaust too much smoke. Moreover, the rubbish bins are very scarce and people easily succumb to the temptation of just dumping their litter anywhere. Finally, hardly anyone feels personally responsible for all this mess around us.

If we want to address the problem we need to take systematic action. The immediate step is to pass stricter laws and prosecute vehicle owners who pollute the air. Next, there must be bins everywhere so there will be no excuse for dropping litter in nature. Lastly, a campaign must be launched to make every single one of us feel personally responsible for keeping our city clean.

All in all, if there is a will there is a way. Let's take these simple steps and soon we'll be living in a rejuvenated town.

Opening §: Make a general statement - Rhetorical question (1) and then ask the specific question(2).

(1) Would you ever imagine living in a house with litter scattered all over the place? Leftovers in the kitchen, filthy clothes in the bedroom and sewage water in the dining room? (2) If you find this picture repulsive then why do you let it happen in your town?

Body §1: Describe the problem (elaborate in the hints of the instructions)

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Body §2: The reasons.

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Body §3: The solutions (one for each reason)

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Closing §: Summarise what you've said

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