

'Floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and landslides – we see more and more reports of environmental disasters affecting the world and its people every day.'

Write the text of a **speech** for a debate at your school or college in which you persuade young people to take more responsibility for protecting the environment.

"We should stop spending money on pointless space exploration and invest it in what counts – communities here on Earth."

Write an **article for a broadsheet newspaper** in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

"Tragic events and disasters often bring out the best in people."

Write an **article for a broadsheet newspaper** explaining your views on this statement.

'Homework has no value. Some students get it done for them; some don't do it at all. Students should be relaxing in their free time.'

Write an **article for a broadsheet newspaper** in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

"We need to spend as much money as possible on the Police Service – we rely on them all day, every day."

Write an **article for a broadsheet newspaper** arguing for or against this idea.

'School uniforms are a pointless expense. They are never worn correctly, they are uncomfortable and they restrict pupils' creativity.'

Write a **letter to your headteacher** in which you persuade her to agree with your point of view on this statement.

'The practice of keeping animals in zoos cannot be allowed to continue. It is inhumane and encourages the use of animals as mere entertainment.'

Write a **speech** to be delivered at an animal welfare conference, in which you persuade your audience to agree with your point of view on this statement.

You have read a newspaper article which states:

'International travel is not worth the cost.'

Write a **letter** to the newspaper in which you argue for or against this statement.

'Smartphones are distracting. They should be banned from all schools and colleges.'

Write an **article for a parents' newsletter** in which you either agree or disagree with this view.'

'Young people today are too vain, always taking 'selfies' and worrying about their appearance. This is a sign that society is becoming more self-obsessed and shallow.'

Write an **essay** to be featured in a student newspaper in which you explain your views on this topic.

'Young people today are lazy and have no understanding of the real world. They would all benefit from compulsory training for the army to teach them some discipline.'

Write an **article** for a student newspaper agreeing or disagreeing with this view.

'Festivals and fairs should be banned. They encourage bad behaviour and are disruptive to local communities.'

Write a **letter to your local newspaper** in which you argue for or against this statement.

'Snow seems like it is picturesque, exciting and fun but in reality it causes accidents, inconvenience and economic disruption.'

Write an **article for a broadsheet newspaper** in which you explain your point of view on this issue.

'Education is not just about which school you go to, or what qualifications you gain; it is also about what you learn from your experiences outside of school.'

Write a **speech** for your school or college Leavers' Day to explain what you think makes a good education.

'Parents today are over-protective. They should let their children take part in adventurous, even risky, activities to prepare them for later life.'

Write an **article for a broadsheet newspaper** in which you argue for or against this statement.