

How to write an article for the B2 First Exam

You see this announcement on an English-language website:

Articles wanted:

The most useful thing I have ever learned.

What is the most useful thing you have learned?

Who did you learn it from? Why is it useful?

Write us an article answering these questions.

We will publish the best articles on our website.

What do you have to include in your article? Remember to use 140-190 words.

Who is going to read it?

Introduction

- Give your article a title.
- Start with a rhetorical question.
- Include the topic and give your opinion or comment on it.

Topic points

- Stick to the topic and don't write about unrelated things.
- Support your answers with some examples and/or reasons.
- Use neutral/informal language
- Use other language to make your article sound more interesting (adjectives/adverbs, idioms, phrasal verbs, linking words, play with some grammar).

Conclusion

- Summarise what you wrote in your article.
- Comment on the topic or give your opinion one last time.
- End your article in an interesting way.

The Most Valuable Thing I Ever Learned

Have you ever learned something that changed your life? When I was in high school, I learned one vital skill that helped me become the person I am today.

Studying for important exams is really hard for teenagers. I struggled for a long time until I found out that collaborating with my classmates made it so much easier since they helped me with some things and I helped them with others.

It started when my maths teacher set up lunchtime study sessions and even though I thought it was going to be a waste of time, she helped us find study partners who we got on best with and from then I started going three times a week.

As a result, I passed all my exams with flying colours. However, the most valuable thing I took in was to work as part of a team, which is something I do every day now in my dream job as a game designer!

All in all, I don't think I would be the same person today if I hadn't learned to work with others in those study sessions. It's amazing how important working as a team can be!