

## **FCE Writing Part Two articles tips and multiple choice cloze**

### **FCE Result Unit 12**

*Are these things good, okay (and therefore optional) or bad in articles in FCE Writing Part Two? Mark each one with a tick, OK or a cross.*

- An interesting title to get people's attention
- An introduction
- A sentence explaining the structure of the article
- Paragraph headings
- A gap between paragraphs
- An indent when you start a new paragraph
- Starting each new sentence on a new line
- Paragraphs with one clear topic each
- One-sentence paragraphs
- Bullet points/ Numbers
- Starting paragraphs with short simple linking expressions
- Joining ideas in paragraphs with short simple linking expressions
- Using a range of different linking expressions
- Paraphrasing to avoid using the same words
- Reference expressions such as pronouns to avoid using the same word
- Idioms such as phrasal verbs
- Very informal language such as textspeak and slang
- Standard abbreviations like e.g., etc. and i.e.
- Using personal pronouns
- Using personal information
- Using your imagination to make up details
- Additional support for your arguments
- Topics that are outside what the question asks for
- A summary or conclusion

*Can you think of any other things which you should or shouldn't include in an FCE article?*

*Look at the article on the next page for examples of the things above, and any other things you mentioned, starting with any that you weren't sure about.*

## **How to totally transform my hometown**

We would all like to make our towns and villages more pleasant places to live and work in. If I could alter three things in my hometown of Monkton, they would be to pull down the multi-storey car park, to get the lakeside area cleared up, and to ban lorries from the centre of town.

The first change I would make would be to have the multi-storey car park in the town centre demolished. Not only is it a very ugly building, but it also attracts criminals, especially after dark. Moreover, removing the car park would make people use public transport to come into town.

For my second improvement, I would have the area around the lake cleaned up. At the moment, the banks are covered with litter. In addition, I would get the council to install some litter bins.

My third variation in how things are would be banning lorries from driving through the town centre. They cause a lot of noise and pollution, and what's more they put people off cycling, because cyclists are afraid they will get knocked off their bikes.

I believe that the three reforms explained above could turn Monkton into one of the best places to live in the whole area. I hope they happen soon.

*(text adapted from FCE Result pages 150-151)*

*Do you agree with the inclusion of the things which are there? Are any of them optional?*

*Could any other things be added?*

*Are there any other good and bad things in the article above?*

*Discuss all the questions on the two pages above as a class.*

## FCE Use of English Part 1 multiple choice cloze practice of FCE articles

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

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The first change I would make would be to have the multi-storey car park in the town centre demolished. Not only is it a very ugly building, but it (3)... attracts criminals, especially after dark.(4)..., removing the car park would make people use public transport to come into town.

For my second improvement, I would have the area around the lake cleaned up. At (5)... moment, the banks are covered with litter. (6)... addition, I would get the council to install some litter bins.

My third variation in how things are would be banning lorries from driving through the town centre. They cause a lot of noise and pollution, and what's more they put people off cycling, because cyclists are afraid they will get knocked off their bikes.

I believe that the three reforms explained (7)... could turn Monkton into one of the best places to live in the whole area. I (8)... they happen soon.

*Make sure you know why the other options are wrong*

*What would you need to change to make the other options useable?*

1. be/ being/ get/ take
2. a/ any/ some/ the
3. addition/ also/ as well/ furthermore
4. Addition/ And/ As well/ Moreover
5. a/ current/ that/ the
6. at/ by/ in/ on
7. above/ already/ before/ below
8. hope/ look forward to/ want/ wish