SOLUTIONS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE 2 UNIT 3: IUMES AND GULTURES MOVIE

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Writing

A blog post

I can write a blog post.



A newspaper has published an online article suggesting that the local bus service into town is no longer required. Write a blog post outlining the advantages of the bus service, giving an account of when you last used it.

Preparation

1 Read the task above and the article below.

In which paragraph does the writer ...

- 1 describe a personal experience? ____
- 2 list reasons to keep the bus service? ___
- **3** give a reason for writing the letter? ___
- 4 suggest that money isn't the only consideration? ____



- A Without buses, local residents will be, quite simply, stranded. Your article suggested that the service into town costs the council too much money and is not used enough. As a young person who relies on the bus, I'd like to outline some arguments against this view.
- B I strongly disagree with the suggestion that there is no value in continuing the bus service. Firstly, not everyone has a car, so won't a public service always be required? Secondly, the bus gives teenagers necessary independence and the ability to travel. Thirdly, the bus is much more environmentally friendly than cars. Therefore the cost must be weighed against the cost to the environment if there were no bus service.
- The last time I took the bus was last weekend. I always go by bus into the town centre with my friends on Saturdays. Travelling to town, I chatted to the other passengers. They were all in agreement that the service was still necessary and that they would have great difficulty in managing without it. In fact, the point was made that if there were *more* buses, the service would be used even more.
- In my view, rather than being unnecessary, the bus service is essential for those in the community without a car. They are also invaluable for bringing and keeping communities together. How can you put a price on that?

Writing Strategy

Make a plan for your blog post so you allow enough space to include every element from the task instructions. Remember to include a good introduction and a summary.

2 Read the Writing Strategy and find the two paragraphs in the blog post that cover the elements required in the task.

3		Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs n brackets.					
	1	Having party in time.	(run) to catch the bus, I got to the				
	2	chatted.	(travel) together on the train, we often				
	3	As the tourist	s (arrive), the tourist office				
	4	After	(finish) his coffee, he went to the cinema.				
	5						
	6	Having	(make) the cake, they began to eat it.				
	7	After an hour.	(swim) in the river, they sunbathed for				

4 Find an example of one of the structures from exercise 3 in the blog post.

Writing Guide

A local newspaper published an online article suggesting that the tourist office in town is an unnecessary expense. Write a blog post outlining the advantages of the tourist office and giving an account of a time you used it with a foreign visitor.

5 Read the task above. Make some notes for a) the advantages of the tourist office and b) your account.

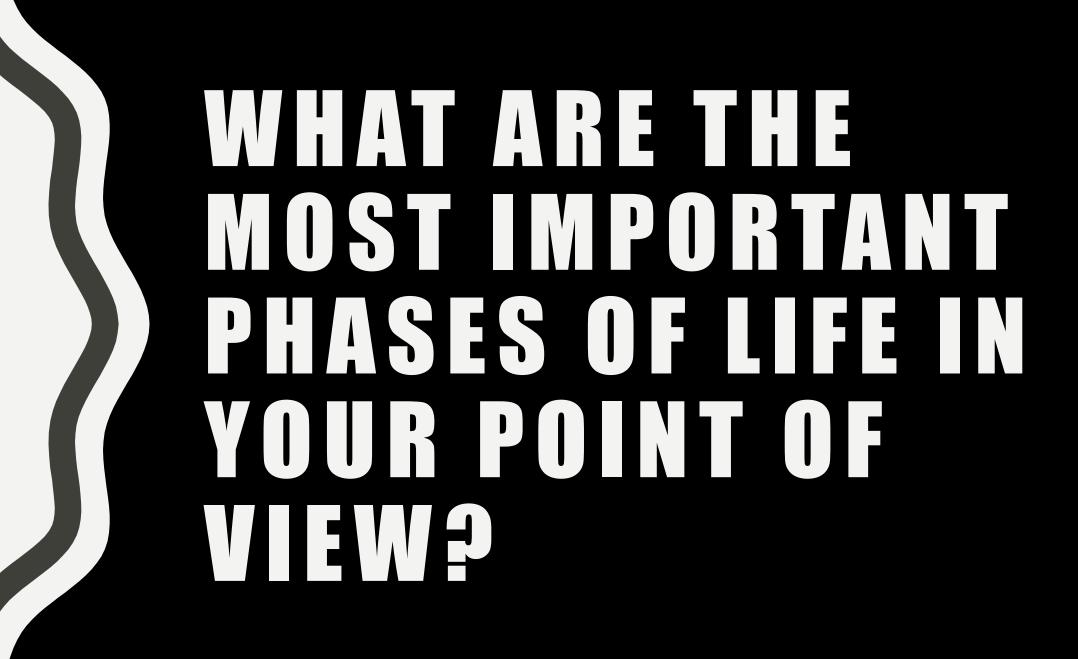
Advantages		
Your account		

6 Write your blog post. Follow the paragraph plan in exercise 1.

CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you ...

- structured your blog post in four paragraphs?
- written equally about both required elements?
- included a sequencing clause in your description?















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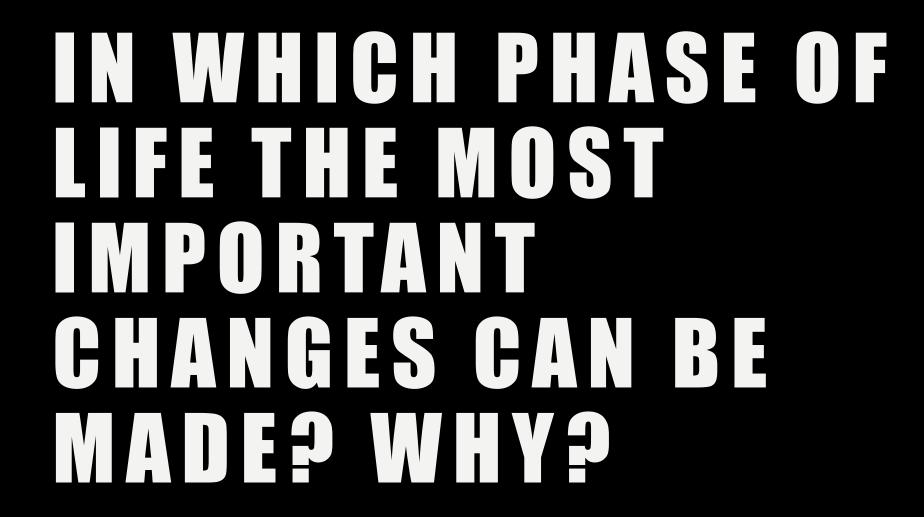














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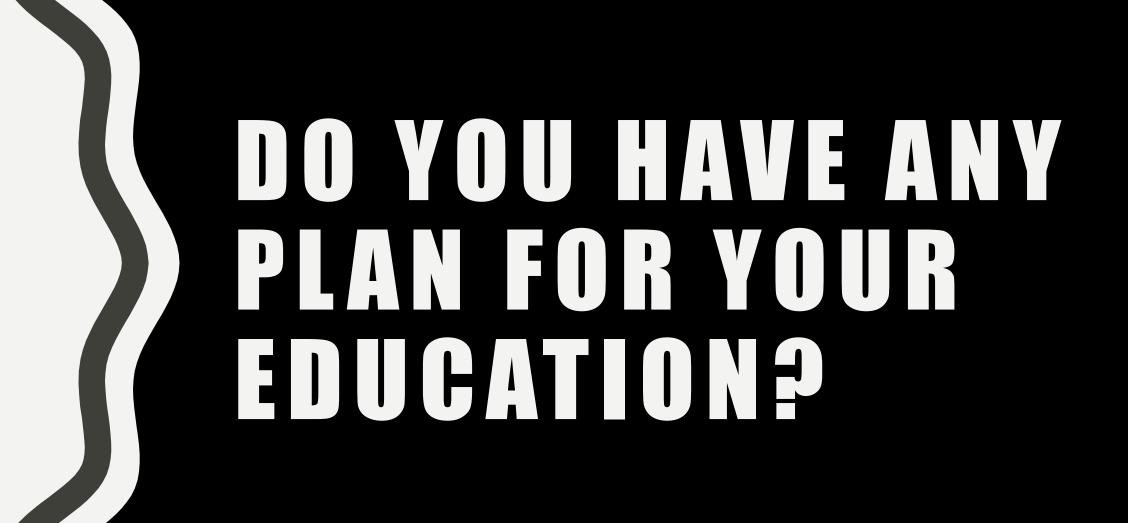






































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Arizona State University

Before you watch

- 1 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Where is the nearest university to where you live?
 - 2 Would you like to go there when you leave school? Why? / Why not?
 - 3 Would you like to study abroad? Why? / Why not?

Comprehension check

- Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.
 - 1 How many foreign students study in the USA?
 - **a** less than half a million **b** more than 800,000 **c** over a million
 - 2 How many foreign students study at Arizona State University?
 - **a** about 160 **b** about 400 **c** about 4,000
 - 3 Why do US universities spend so much money on college sports?
 - a to help students get fit
 b to improve their reputation
 c to stop students getting bored

4	Þ	► Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct words. Use one word in each gap.						
	1	About 4% of students in the USA are from	countries.					
	2	It is very to study in the USA.						
	3	Lots of students apply for scholarships to help	for their education at university.					
	4	There are students from more than 160	at Arizona State University.					
	5	Lots of the students at Arizona State are on	scholarships.					
	6	Sport is big for American universities.						
	7	There is a large that seats over 71,000						
	8	Some of the students at ASU will become	sportspeople in the future.					

Round up

5 SPEAKING Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to go to Arizona State University? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

- 6 RECYCLE Choose the American word to complete the sentences.
 - 1 You shouldn't ride your bike on the sidewalk / pavement.
 - 2 I've spent the whole morning baking biscuits / cookies.
 - 3 If you're going camping, don't forget to take a torch / flashlight.
 - 4 It's silly to buy bottled water when you can get it from the faucet / tap.
 - 5 Could you please hang up your clothes in your wardrobe / closet?
 - 6 I'm starting university in the autumn / fall.

7 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 Our team always competes
- 2 A good education can make
- 3 You should try and gain
- 4 Our country enjoyed
- 5 Our school provided us with
- 6 Winning the Nobel Prize boosted

- **a** the opportunity to study in France for a term.
- **b** the reputation of the scientists.
- **c** great success at the last Olympics.
- d a big difference to your life.
- e at the highest level.
- **f** a good degree before you start work.

Extension

- 8 Work in groups. Make a presentation about the school system in your country. Include the following:
 - how old children are when they start at primary school, secondary school and when they leave school
 - how long the school day lasts
 - the subjects everyone has to study and can study
 - the different types of schools there are
- 9 Give your presentation to the class. Use the key phrases for paraphrasing.

Paraphrasing

I'm not sure how to say ... in English.

I don't know what it's called in English.

In other words, ...

What I mean is ...

ASSIGNMENT: WORKBOOK REWIEW UNIT 3

DEADLINE: SATURDAY