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Chào các bạn, mình là DOL!

Cảm ơn mọi người đã đọc lời giới thiệu của mình!

— Vì sao DOL viết cuốn sách này?

DOL muốn các bạn chuẩn bị tốt hơn cho kỳ thi IELTS Writing Task 2 năm 2019. DOL gần dọn ra trung tâm mới bên Ba Tháng Hai nên cũng muốn làm gì đó có ý nghĩa để cảm ơn tình cảm của rất nhiều bạn, tuy các bạn ấy chưa có dịp học DOL nữa.

DOL tiếp cận cuốn sách này như thế nào?

Bộ dự đoán đề Writing 2019 được DOL lấy của một thầy khác share trên mạng (DOL không tiện nhắc tên) và DOL cũng không biết nó có đoán đúng không nữa. DOL viết gần 50 bài mẫu level 8.0+ cho bộ đề này, mỗi bài mẫu DOL lại kèm thêm bộ Vocabulary cho bài đó được viết theo Linear Thinking để các bạn dễ học hơn.

Thực sự mà nói, các bài mẫu của DOL không viết theo y chang "style" trên lớp, DOL viết các bài này hơi "free style". Mục đích của các bài mẫu này là để chia sẻ cho các bạn cách học thêm các cụm từ tự nhiên theo topic, ideas cho các topic này, chứ DOL hoàn toàn không tập trung việc "thoả mãn" IELTS Examiners nha.

Ai nên sử dụng cuốn sách này?

Tất cả các bạn muốn đi thi IELTS trong năm này và các năm về sau, và các bạn đã thi rồi nữa, học thêm cũng đâu thừa phải không nào :3.

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Cách sử dụng sách này?

Các bạn không được học thuộc nha, DOL cực kỳ "anti" cách học thiếu tư duy này. Mình sẽ khai thác cuốn sách này theo các bước sau.

Bước 1: Đọc đề và tưởng tượng nếu mình làm bài này mình sẽ viết sao, viết ouline ra.

Bước 2: Đọc bài của DOL, rút ra outline và đối chiếu so sánh xem outline ai hay hơn, hay cả 2 cùng hay, cùng dở.

Bước 3: Đọc phần Vocabulary Summary để lần nữa hiểu rõ hơn outline của DOL, và học từ vựng, ideas của đề nha.

Bước 4: Đọc bài mẫu 1 lần xem DOL có xài cấu trúc nào hay không, DOL viết đúng chưa, nếu chưa đúng sửa lại hay hơn thế nào.

Bước 5: Tự viết sample của mình nha, xem bài của DOL là bài tham khảo thôi.

Lưu ý nhỏ: Do mong muốn chia sẻ cuốn sách này thật nhanh nên DOL không có proof-read cẩn thận (**mà mình cũng lười nữa haha** :))), nên có sai sót gì các bạn cứ email cho DOL nha. À quên, trong đó còn có một số lỗi nhỏ về Task Achievement, Cohesion & Coherence nữa, đố các bạn tìm ra nha :)) DOL cảm ơn tất cả các ý kiến của các bạn. Chúc mọi người học vui!

Tìm hiểu về linear thinking:

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Writing Task 2

POSITIVE
NEGATIVE

Question 1:
More and more people buy a wide range of household goods such as television, microwave oven and rice cooker. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?
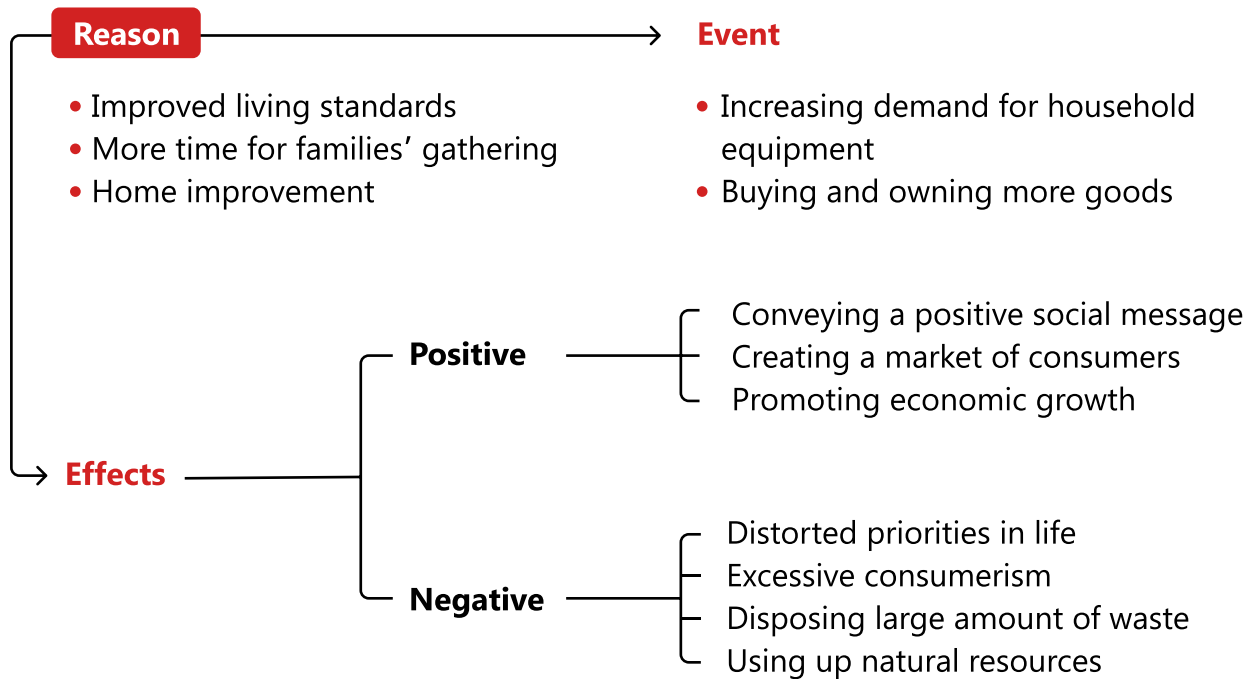
With the development of technology, people are now owning more goods for their home. Although this development is beneficial to manufacturers and the economy, I think in the long run, it would be harmful to the environment.

It is reasonable why this trend is considered temporarily positive. The fact that many people are buying household goods can be interpreted as more and more people are investing their effort in their families. This conveys a positive social message, that the overall living standards are improving and that families are spending more time together, hence the demand for household equipment. Secondly, this trend will expand the market, which is beneficial to manufacturers.

However, in the long run, this consumption trend can be negative. Buying numerous household goods is one of the many forms of excessive consumerism. When people are affected by excessive consumerism, their priorities in life will be distorted. Instead of focusing on using their own existing goods, they will have an urge to buy and own more goods. This development is not positive for the environment. Owning more products means using up more natural resources. Also, when people want to replace owned products, they will dispose large amounts of waste. There is scientific evidence showing that discarded household appliances are very harmful when disposed to the environment in large quantities.

The development of this shopping trend of many people might seems to benefit the economy at first glance. However, in the long run, this development will leave negative impacts on the environment. Therefore, people should understand where to draw the line between investing effort in their family, and affecting the environment.

Vocabulary Flow

Reason ⟶ **Event**

- Improved living standards
- More time for families' gathering
- Home improvement

- Increasing demand for household equipment
- Buying and owning more goods

Effects

Positive
- Conveying a positive social message
- Creating a market of consumers
- Promoting economic growth

Negative
- Distorted priorities in life
- Excessive consumerism
- Disposing large amount of waste
- Using up natural resources

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Writing Task 2

AGREE

DISAGREE

Question 2:
Some people believe that "Employers should not be concerned about the way their employees dress, but the quality of their work". To what extent do you agree or disagree to this belief?
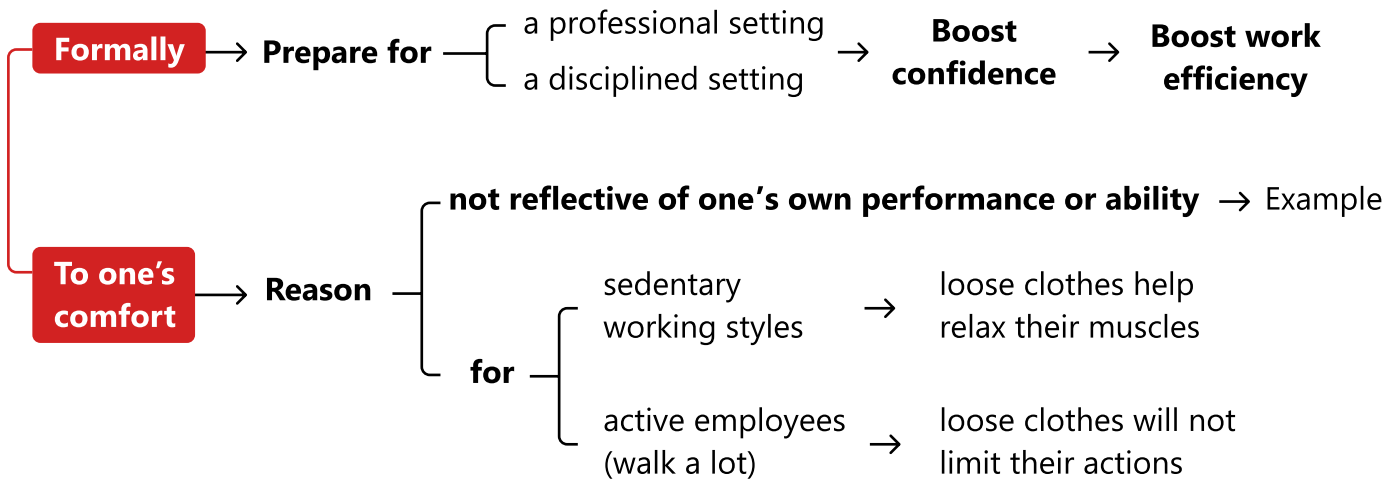
It is a fact in the modern business world that, many companies, especially entrepreneurs, and even some large corporations like Facebook, Google, are opting for informal dress codes to focus more on performance. I also believe in the same thing, that employees' performances should not be judged by how they dress, but rather by their abilities.

I have to agree that employees' dressing up more formally can boost their work efficiency. Firstly, there has been scientific evidence showing that when one dresses for a professional setting, one would feel more confident in oneself: This is because one tends to become the image that one is posing, which in this case is the image of a successful person. Secondly, dressing appropriately would convey the message that you are in a disciplined setting and not a casual one. This would create a more professional workplace atmosphere.

On the other hand, I believe that employees should be able to dress to their comfort and the company's dress code should be less restrictive. Firstly, there have been multiple examples showing how a person dress does not reflect his or her performance or abilities, like what Facebook and Google is currently doing. Secondly, both sedentary employees and those who have to work on site benefit from an informal dress code. For sedentary ones, the fact that they have to sit eight hours in a cubicle means that they require loose clothing to relax their muscles. For on-site employees whose daily tasks require moving around, a restrictive outfit would limit their movements, thus reduce their ability to perform required tasks.

In conclusion, although I believe that there are benefits to dressing formally , I believe that managers should not concern too much about the way employees dress, and spend more effort on pushing employess to achieve best workplace performance.

Vocabulary Flow

Formally → **Prepare for** — a professional setting / a disciplined setting → **Boost confidence** → **Boost work efficiency**

To one's comfort → **Reason** — **not reflective of one's own performance or ability** → Example

for —
- sedentary working styles → loose clothes help relax their muscles
- active employees (walk a lot) → loose clothes will not limit their actions

Writing Task 2

Question 3:
Lectures were used in the past when there were the participation of many students. With modern technology available for education, there is no justification for this way of teaching.
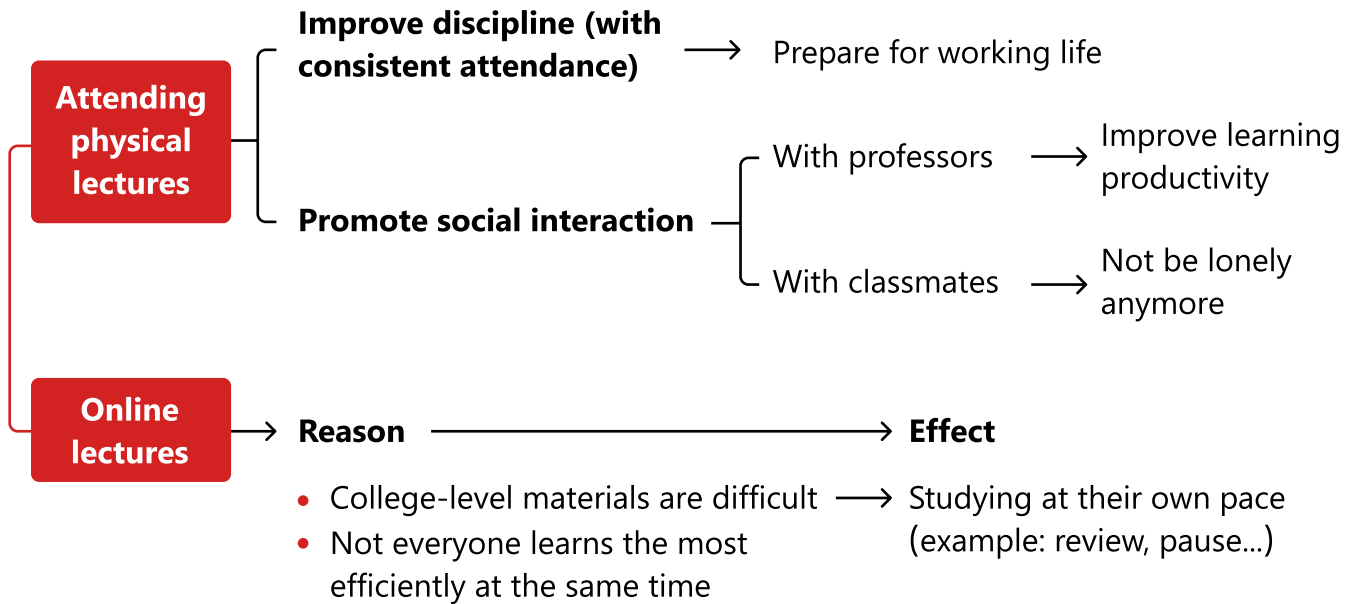
Face-to-face lectures are being slowly being replaced by online courses due to the fast-paced development of technology. Although some people might think that there is no need for traditional lectures anymore, I believe they still play an important role in students' development.

There are numerous benefits to attending physical lectures. Firstly, consistent attendance in lectures can improve a student's discipline. For college students, this can be considered preparation for their future career, as they would have to be present and punctual at their offices during office hours. Secondly, physical lectures promote human interaction, most importantly between professors and students. This will save time for students as they can just ask their questions and receive responses immediately. Lastly, physical lectures are also a chance for students to meet up and socialize with their classmates, which is a huge bonus as there are researches showing young people are becoming more and more lonely in their lives.

However, I also understand why college students prefer online lectures to face-to-face ones. It is a fact that college-level materials can be difficult to understand at the first try. This is why many universities are providing online lectures for students to review them as many times as they like. Moreover, students can pause the lecture videos for immediate in-depth reading, which is something physical lectures do not allow. Another thing is that not everyone learns the most efficiently at the same time. Rather than giving a lecture physically in the morning, which is something some college students do not prefer. Professors can instead post online lecture videos and let students watch them in their own time.

To conclude, although I think that new technologies definitely make education more convenient, physical lectures are still of vital importance and cannot be replaced entirely by technology. Professors should only provide online lectures in the form of recordings of physical ones.

Vocabulary Flow

Attending physical lectures

Improve discipline (with consistent attendance) → Prepare for working life

Promote social interaction
- With professors → Improve learning productivity
- With classmates → Not be lonely anymore

Online lectures →

Reason ———————→ **Effect**

- College-level materials are difficult → Studying at their own pace (example: review, pause...)
- Not everyone learns the most efficiently at the same time

Writing Task 2

Question 4:

People's lives are now surrounded by advertisement. This affects what people consider important and has a negative impact on people's lives. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
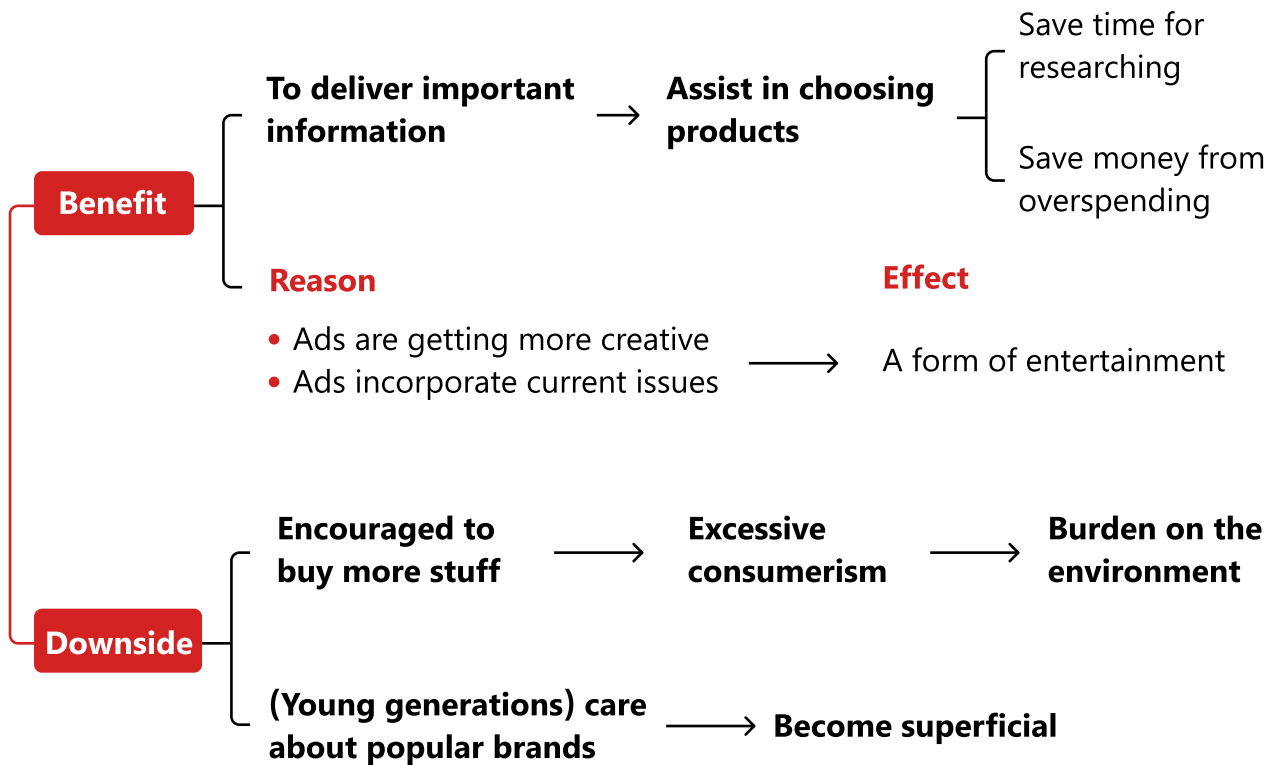
Advertisement is dominant in people's daily lives nowadays, with the high frequency of people having to see the same products or services over and over again. Some people think that this phenomenon is negative because it distorts people's perspective on life. I completely agree with this statement.

Admittedly, advertisements have certain benefits to modern lives. First of all, the purpose of a piece of advertisement is to deliver key information of a product to the public. This would assist a person in choosing a product, saving both time researching for the right product and potentially, money from overspending. Secondly, the advertising industry is getting more creative than ever, incorporating many current social issues in ads. Some people even consider advertisement nowadays as a form of entertainment, especially with commercials in forms of short movies or music videos.

However, I believe that the ubiquity of advertisement is distorting people's perception on what is important in life. Seeing too many pieces of advertisement is thought by many experts to be the cause of excessive consumerism. People are encouraged by these ads to buy and own more stuff than needed. One consequence of this indulgence in buying new things is that people are buying more, they are also throwing out more stuff than ever, causing a burden on the environment. Another consequence of this phenomenon is that it makes younger generations become more superficial and only care about owning whatever's considered popular.

In conclusion, although advertisement can introduce many benefits to its audience, I still think that the oversaturation of advertisement can bring negative impacts on individuals and society as a whole.

Vocabulary Flow

Benefit

To deliver important information → **Assist in choosing products**

Save time for researching

Save money from overspending

Reason

- Ads are getting more creative
- Ads incorporate current issues

Effect

→ A form of entertainment

Downside

Encouraged to buy more stuff → **Excessive consumerism** → **Burden on the environment**

(Young generations) care about popular brands → **Become superficial**

Writing Task 2

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EFFECTS

Question 5:
Figures show that in some countries, there is an ever-increasing proportion of population aged 15 or younger. How do you think this effect current status and the future of those countries?
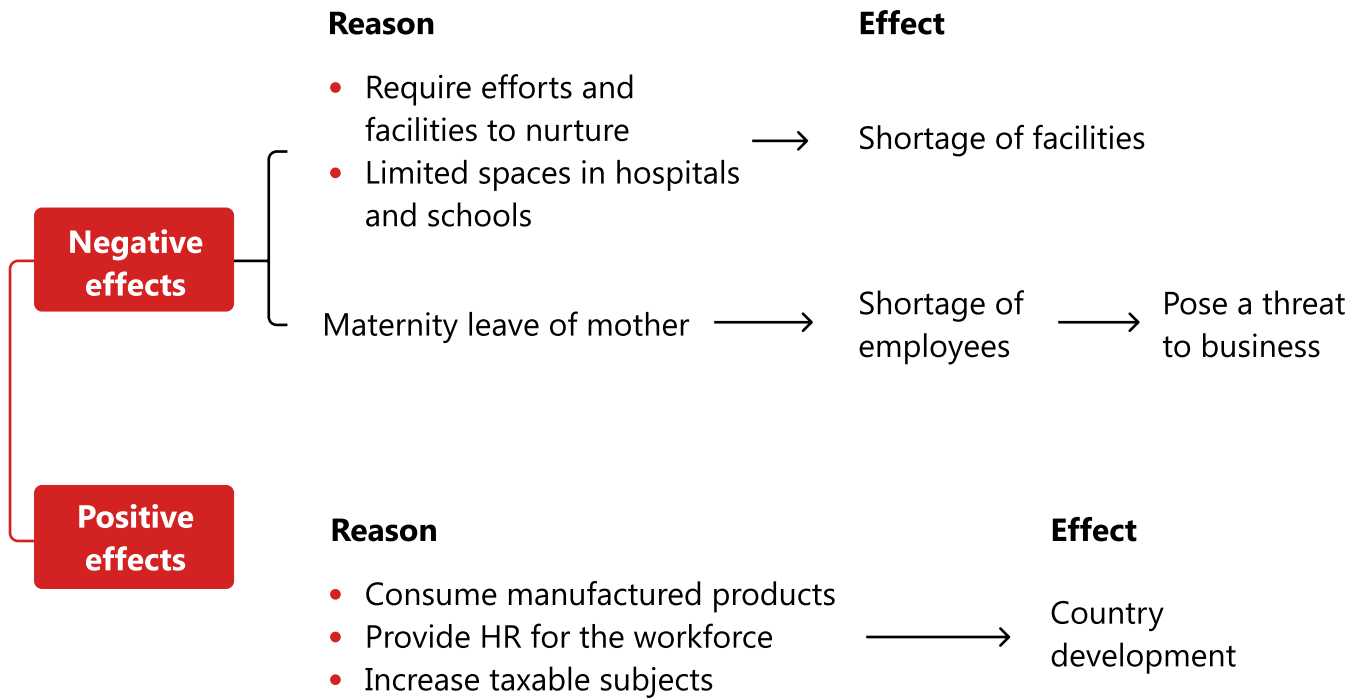
There have been findings that show the escalating proportion of people aged 15 and younger in some countries. I think this phenomenon has both positive and negative effects in current and future times.

In current times, the booming growth in the population of younger generations will mostly lead to a shortage of facilities. It is a fact that to nurture children aged 15 and under, lots of efforts and facilities are needed which means that spaces in hospitals and schools will be more limited than ever. Mothers taking their maternity leave will pose as a threat to businesses as they will encounter a sudden shortage of employees. However, I can imagine many brands benefiting from this, especially brands whose products are tailored for mothers and children between the stages of infant and teenager. This newly-formed generation will expand the market for manufacturers.

In the future, this growth of this youthful population will have more positive impacts than negative ones. This young generation will grow to become a strong workforce, providing more human resources to the development of a country. From the government perspective, this increase in population would mean more taxable subjects. Businesses will also the opportunity to employ younger workers, who might possibly be more creative and active than older ones.

In conclusion, in current times, the ever-increasing proportion of people aged 15 and under will mostly have a negative impact due to demands for facilities. However, in the future, this population will serve as a vigorous workforce, thus bringing positive effect on society.

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Vocabulary Flow

Negative effects

Reason

- Require efforts and facilities to nurture
- Limited spaces in hospitals and schools

Effect

$\longrightarrow$ Shortage of facilities

Maternity leave of mother $\longrightarrow$ Shortage of employees $\longrightarrow$ Pose a threat to business

Positive effects

Reason

- Consume manufactured products
- Provide HR for the workforce
- Increase taxable subjects

Effect

$\longrightarrow$ Country development

Writing Task 2

AGREE

DISAGREE

Question 6:
"The restoration of old buildings in major cities around the world costs governments billions of dollars while this money should have been used for new housing and road development." To what extent do you agree or disagree to this statement?
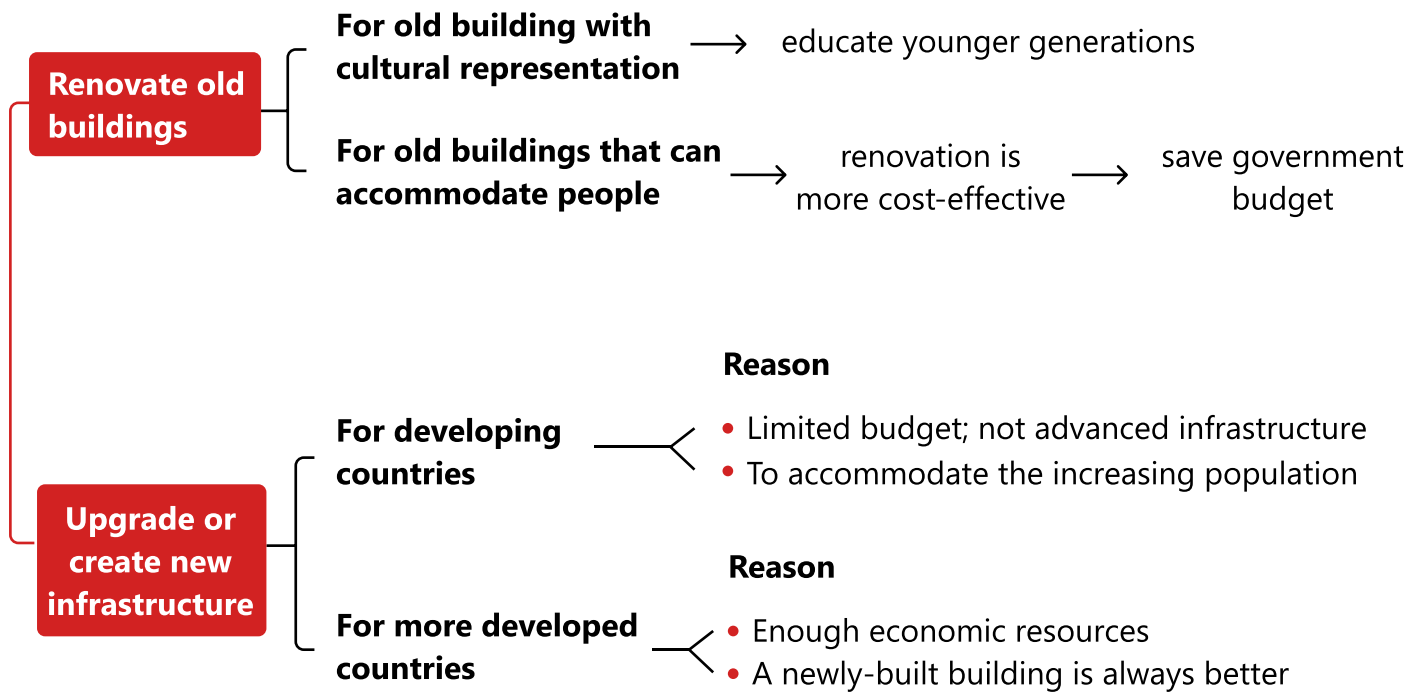
Many governments around the world are running plans to restore old buildings is their major cities. However, lots of people think that this money should be used to upgrade and create new infrastructure, like roads or new housing areas. I completely agree with this statement.

Of course, there are certain benefits to renovate old buildings, especially those in major cities. First of all, if the buildings chosen to be restored carry some significant cultural representation, then I believe we should try to restore as many of them as possible. We need to keep these buildings to educate younger generations of the architecture of older times. Secondly, if the buildings' inner structures are able to accommodate people, I believe it would be more cost-effective to restore old buildings than to build new ones. This will help the government to save the budget to use for other purposes.

However, there are still reasons why I think that the restoration of old buildings is a waste of money. To developing countries whose budgets are still limited and their infrastructure are still yet to be developed, they should focus more on upgrading roads and building new residential areas. This is because, in these countries, the number of people migrating to major cities in search of jobs is still ever-increasing. Therefore, the top priority of these countries should be to accommodate these people. Furthermore, no matter how one restores a building, it would not be on par with a newly-built one. I believe there is no point in forcing people to live in a restored building if there is enough economic resources to build a new one.

In conclusion, although I believe that the restoration of old buildings is of cultural importance to protect the heritage of a country, I think that, especially to developing countries, it is more crucial to improve the infrastructure first.

Vocabulary Flow

Renovate old buildings

For old building with cultural representation → educate younger generations

For old buildings that can accommodate people → renovation is more cost-effective → save government budget

Upgrade or create new infrastructure

For developing countries

Reason
- Limited budget; not advanced infrastructure
- To accommodate the increasing population

For more developed countries

Reason
- Enough economic resources
- A newly-built building is always better

Writing Task 2

Question 7:
Some people believe that people who read books can develop greater imagination and language skills than those who prefer to watch TV.

When assessing child development with respect to imagination and language abilities, the two ways of receiving information are always compared: reading books versus watching TV. In my opinion, these are the two ways of developing skills that are equal to each other.

Many people, especially intellectual parents, have their reasons to claim that reading books is a better way to promote creativity and language skills. The process of understanding a book always involves an envisioning step, turning words into images imprinted in children's minds. This encourages creativity in children. Books, no matter written in an academic or casual manner, always contain a wide range of vocabulary, sentence structures, styles, and tones. The frequent perusing of books will definitely enhance verbal comprehension.

On the other hand, watching TV can also enhance these skills. There are many educational TV channels, like National Geographic Channel, Discovery Channel and many more that showcase historical, natural, or even political documentaries, can introduce children to various aspects of life. Children can develop a multi-faceted approach to life from TVs. As for concerns about language skills, it is a fact that many different TV channels are produced by different stations from all over the world. For the same language, children can be exposed to a variety of different tones, accents, and expressions due to the geographical difference in the origins of broadcasting channels.

In conclusion, since every one of the two methods has its own advantages, I believe that both are vital to the development of imagination and language capabilities of children.

Vocabulary Flow

Read books

Include an envisioning step ⟶ Encourage creativity in children

Contain a wide range of vocabulary... ⟶ Enhance verbal comprehension

Reason   **Effect**

Watch TV

Multiple educational TV channels ⟶ Introduce children to various aspects of life

↳ A multi-faceted approach to life

Geographical difference in the origins of broadcasting channels ⟶ Be exposed to different cultures
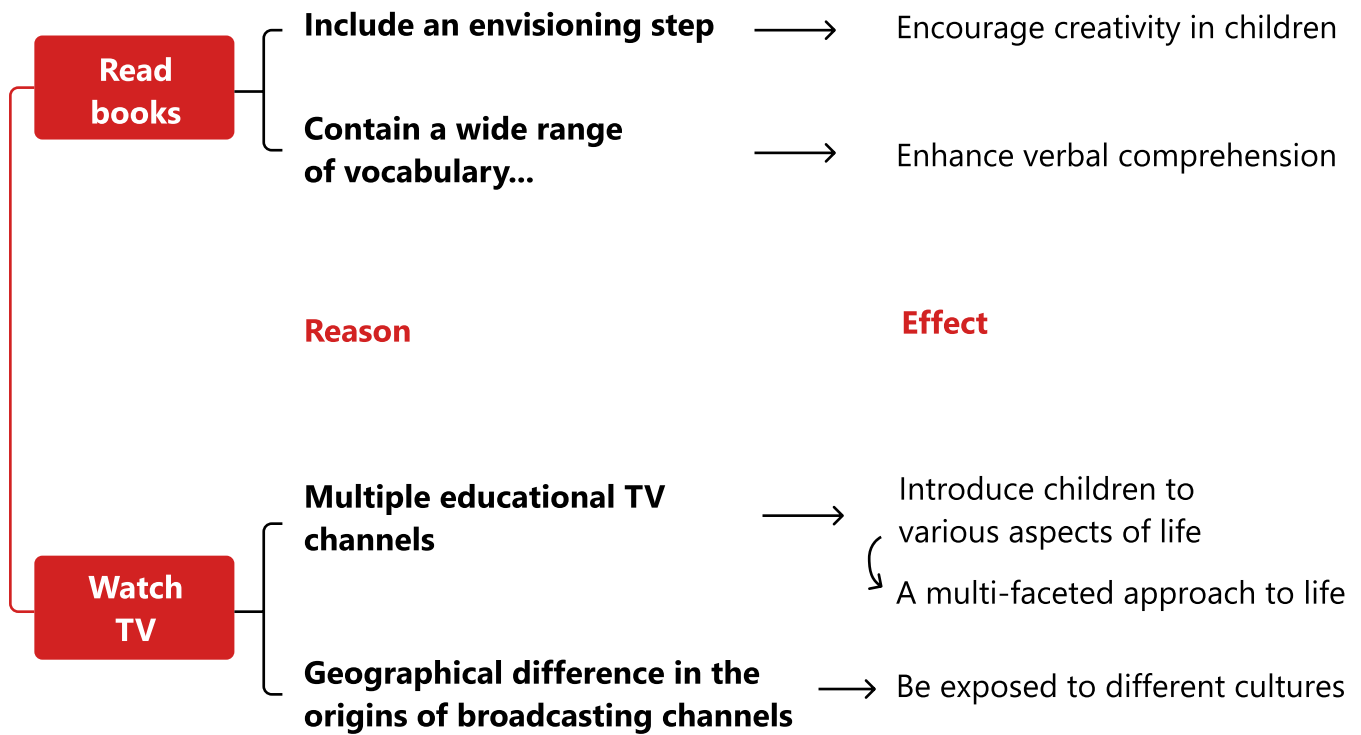
Writing Task 2

Question 8:

As countries develop, more and more people buy and use their own cars. Do the advantages of this trend for individuals outweigh the disadvantages for the environment?
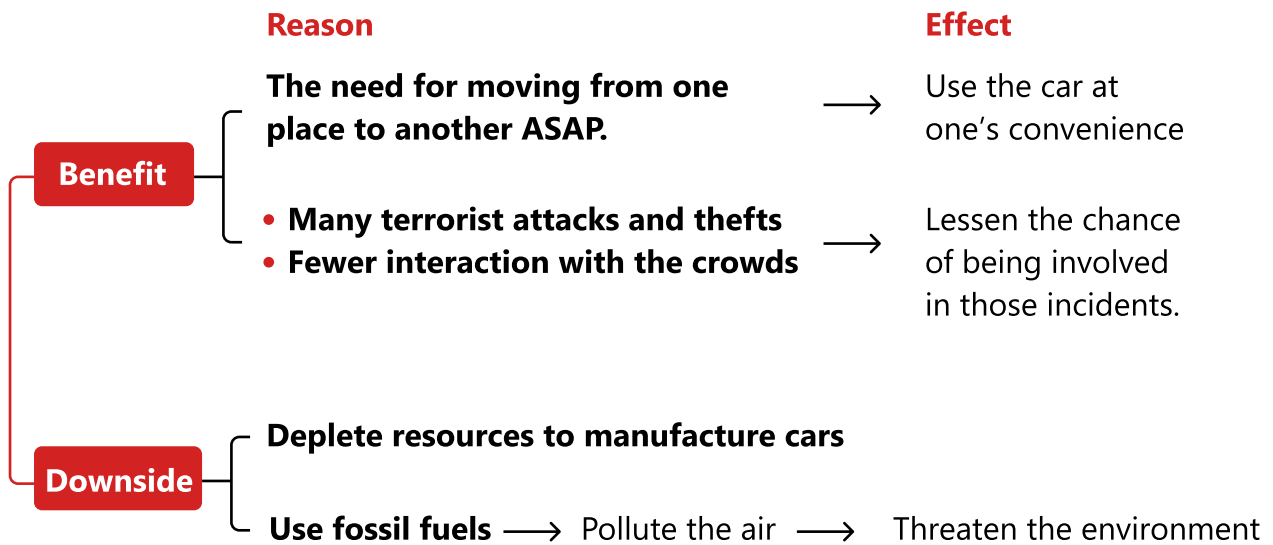
There is a current trend in newly-turned developed countries, where more and more citizens buy and have their own cars. I believe that the convenience of this increasing ownership of cars is trumped by the disastrous effects it has on the environment.

Admittedly, there are certain benefits to buying and using more automobiles. As a country becomes more and more developed, there is a need for getting from one place to another as fast as possible. Rather than using public transportation, driving one's personal car would ensure that one has the car at their own convenience and use it without any waiting time. Another point worth noticing is that nowadays, with the increase of terrorist attacks and thefts happening at public transport stations, using one's automobiles will mean fewer interactions with crowds, which in turn lessen the chance of being involved in those incidents.

However, I still maintain the belief that these benefits cannot outweigh the destructive impacts that car ownership is causing to the environment. With the growing demand for cars, more and more of the Earth's resources are being used to manufacture them, making the resources slowly depletes. Additionally, using more cars also means that the need for fossil fuels is increasing as well. And along with the fact that air pollution is aggravated due to increasing fumes exhaustion, it confirms that the ever-increasing personal car ownership is threatening the environment.

In conclusion, I believe that although there are benefits to using and owning more cars, people should be concerned about the negative impacts that this phenomenon is causing to the environment.

Vocabulary Flow

Reason

Effect

Benefit

The need for moving from one place to another ASAP. $\longrightarrow$ Use the car at one's convenience

- **Many terrorist attacks and thefts**
- **Fewer interaction with the crowds** $\longrightarrow$ Lessen the chance of being involved in those incidents.

Downside

Deplete resources to manufacture cars

Use fossil fuels $\longrightarrow$ Pollute the air $\longrightarrow$ Threaten the environment

Writing Task 2

Question 9:
In most countries, prison is the most common solution for the problem of crime. However, the more effective solution is to provide people with better education so that they do not commit crimes.

With the ever-increasing number of crimes committed, there have been many solutions proposed. Some think that prison is the best solution to deal with criminals. However, I think that educating people is the best way.

Admittedly, imprisoning criminals can be beneficial to reduce crimes. Firstly, the environment within the prison can be a place where criminals are educated and prepared for different career paths after being released. This reduces the rate of recidivism and ensures that ex-convicts have stable lives after serving time in prisons. Secondly, imprisoning people exemplifies the seriousness of crimes and demotivates people from doing so. Children, when being warned about the consequences of committing crimes, will be less likely to do so.

However, I do not think this is a way to reduce the rate of crimes. Providing people with better education is beneficial in many ways. Firstly, properly educated people will have better job prospects, ensuring that they have stable lives and do not have to turn to committing crimes. Secondly, I think it is more important to prevent people from committing crimes than to prevent ex-criminals from recidivating. Once people turned into criminals, there is a high chance that they will repeat their crimes despite being educated. This is why we should focus more on reducing the number of first-time offenders.

In conclusion, although imprisoning people serves as strict punishments, I still believe that the best way to deal with the roots of crime is to educate people better. This will reduce both the rate of first-time offenders and the rate of recidivism.

Vocabulary Flow

Imprisoning criminals

be prepared for different career paths after being released	**exemplify the seriousness of crimes**
↓	↓
(ex-convicts) have stable lives after serving time	demotivate people from committing crimes

Providing people with better education

properly educated people have better job prospects	**prevent people from committing crimes in the first place**
↓	↓
(people) have stable lives and do not have to turn to commit crimes	reduce the number of first-time offenders

Writing Task 2

Question 10:
Some people think that one of the best ways to solve environmental problems is to increase the cost of fuels for cars and other vehicles. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?
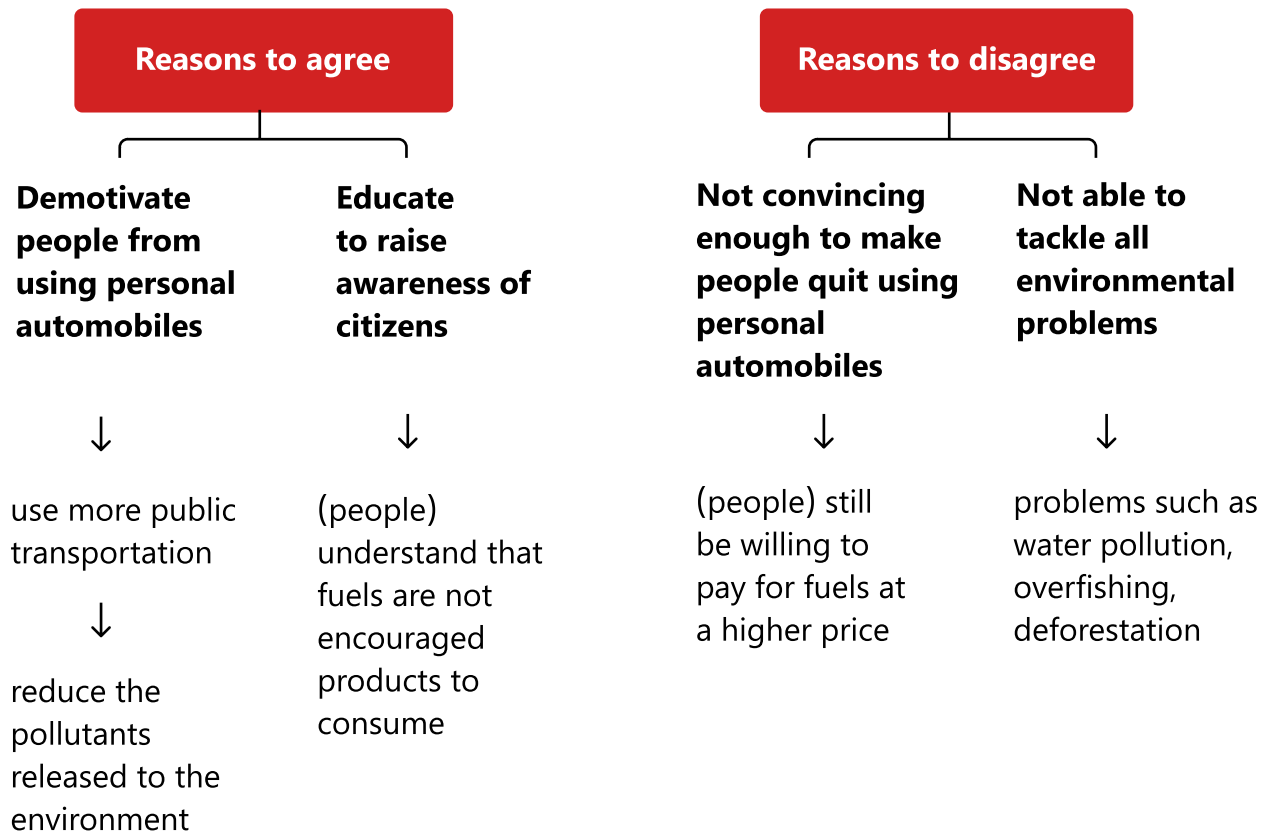
To deal with the deterioration of the environment, many people think that the best method is to raise the price of fossil fuels. Despite some negative effects, I think this is one of the best ways to encourage people to protect the environment.

Raising the price of fossil fuels will have many benefits to the environment. Firstly, this will demotivate people from using their personal automobiles, thus encourage them to use more public transport, therefore reducing the amount of exhaust fumes disposed. Secondly, this is one educational move from the government to raise the awareness of citizens about the importance of protecting the environment. Similar to raising the taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, raising the price of fuels will make people understand that fuels are not products the government encourages people to consume.

However, there are still some downsides to this solution. Firstly, I think that this would not be effective in persuading people to quit using personal cars and other vehicles. Due to the convenience of personal automobiles in terms of convenience and flexibility, people are willing to pay for fuels at a higher price, which makes the policy ineffective. Secondly, even if this solution proves effective, it would not be enough in improving the quality of the environment. Protecting the environment requires more than just reducing the number of fossil fuels burnt, as this is only one of many environmental problems, such as deforestation, overfishing, and water pollution.

In conclusion, I have to admit that there is indeed evidence showing that this would not be effective. However, I still think that this solution is plausible and beneficial to the environment.

Vocabulary Flow

Reasons to agree		Reasons to disagree	
Demotivate people from using personal automobiles	**Educate to raise awareness of citizens**	**Not convincing enough to make people quit using personal automobiles**	**Not able to tackle all environmental problems**
↓	↓	↓	↓
use more public transportation	(people) understand that fuels are not encouraged products to consume	(people) still be willing to pay for fuels at a higher price	problems such as water pollution, overfishing, deforestation
↓			
reduce the pollutants released to the environment			

Writing Task 2

Question 11:
Many countries invest money to prepare competitors to join top competitions like the Olympics or the World Cup. Therefore, it is necessary to offer money to encourage children to exercise more? To what extent do you agree or disagree?
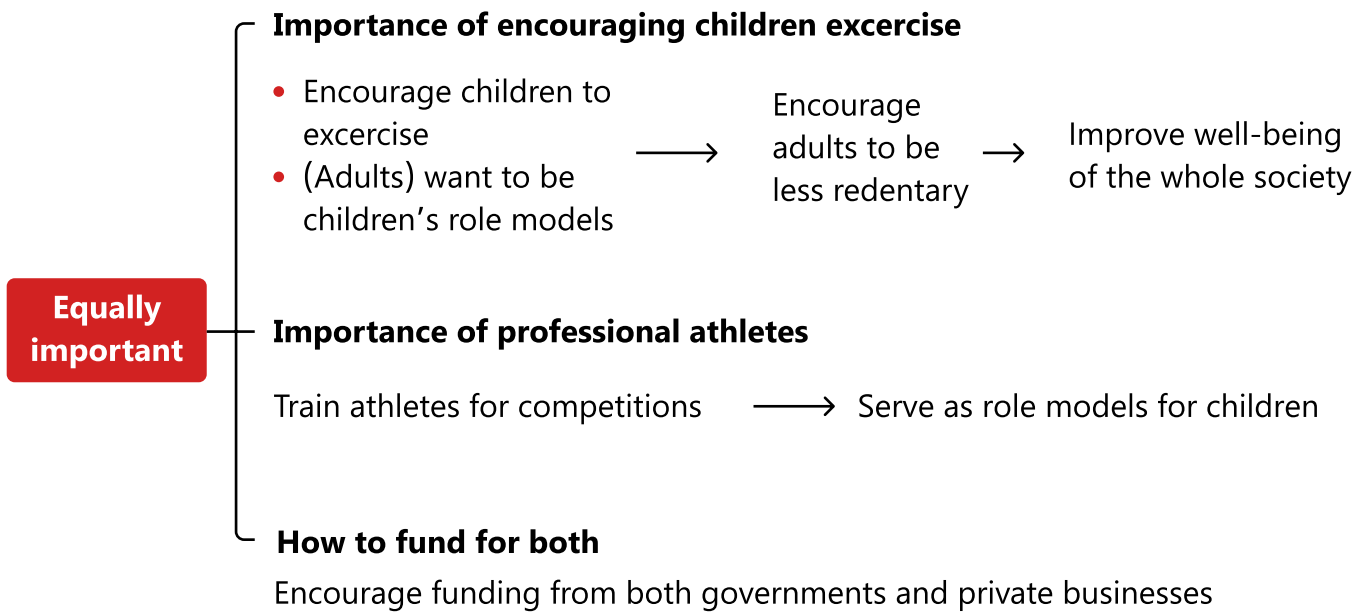
In countries where the government is spending money to train top athletes, people are claiming that this money is better spent on programs encouraging children to exercise. Personally, I think both of these are important and it is possible for the government to carry both out.

Training for both people gifted with sports talents, as well as the general public is equally important. Encouraging children to exercise more is always a good thing to do since this would improve the fitness of the whole society, since it is true that adults like to serve as role models for children, which in turn would encourage adults to be less sedentary. People with sports talents should also be appreciated and nurtured with the deserving amount of investment from the government. Along with adults, these star athletes also serve as role models for children to exercise more and lead active lifestyles.

However, I disagree that one has to be the sacrifice for the other to be carried out. Personally, I believe the government can complete both goals, no matter how limited their budget is. Even if the government is short on money, they should be able to carry out both policies without any conflicts. Programs supporting sports talent in most countries nowadays are not run and funded by governments alone, but are contributed by private businesses. The same thing can be said about programs promoting active lifestyles in children. If the government invests only a little into these programs, many businesses will be influenced to carry out the same action.

In conclusion, I agree that the government should invest money in training athletes for major competitions, and I also agree that it is necessary to spend money on programs encouraging more active lifestyles for children. However, I think these two statements are not related and one should not be sacrificed for another to be carried out.

Vocabulary Flow

Equally important

Importance of encouraging children excercise

- Encourage children to excercise
- (Adults) want to be children's role models

$\longrightarrow$ Encourage adults to be less redentary $\rightarrow$ Improve well-being of the whole society

Importance of professional athletes

Train athletes for competitions $\longrightarrow$ Serve as role models for children

How to fund for both

Encourage funding from both governments and private businesses

Writing Task 2

Question 12:
Some people believe that newspaper is the best way to learn about news, while others believe that the more effective method is through other types of media. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
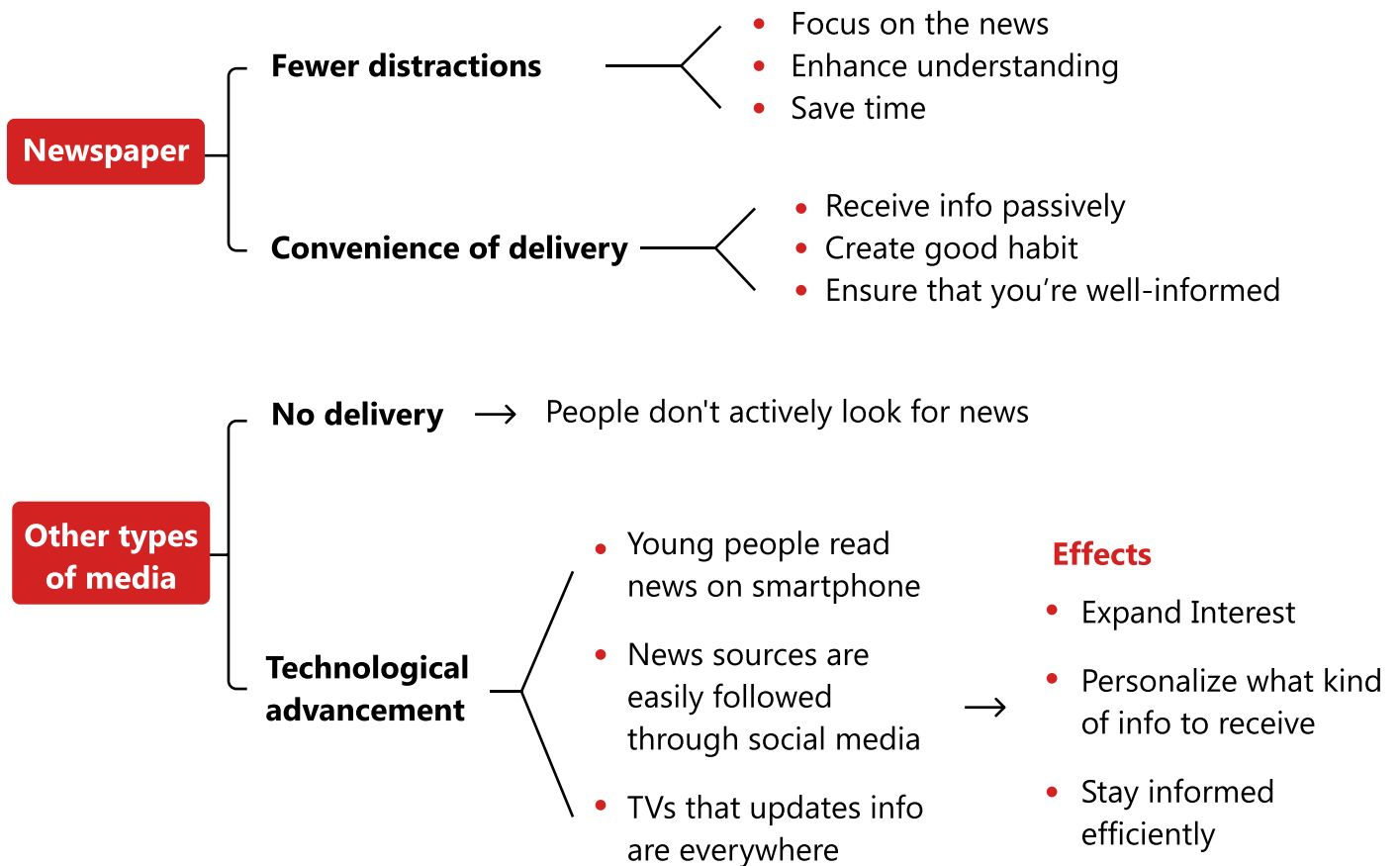
Many people are changing the way they receive information through the use of modern media. Meanwhile, traditionalists still maintain that the newspaper is the best method to receive news. In my opinion, I believe it is time for people to acknowledge the values that technologies is bringing to humankind.

Admittedly, there are reasons why people are still rooting for the newspaper. Firstly, a newspaper would contain fewer distractions than other sources of information, such as smartphones or tablets. As a result, the focus of readers will solely be on the piece of news, enhancing their understanding and saving time. Secondly, having the newspaper delivered to your doorstep is also a way to ensure that you are updated about what is happening daily. This passive way of receiving information will create a habit of reading for news, rather than actively searching for news in media like TVs or smartphones, which is something we usually end up not doing.

However, I still think that other medias are delivering information in a more efficient way than newspapers does. With the advancement of technology, it is not a rare sight to see young people reading from their smartphones. Many people have chosen to follow multiple newspapers on social media, expanding their scope of interest and customizing the type of information they want to receive. Receiving news from TVs is also good, as most public places nowadays have TVs attached on their walls with channels switched to news broadcast or informative documentaries all the time. This proves to be a more efficient way for people from all ages to catch up with the news.

In conclusion, although learning about news via newspaper is still an alternative, I believe in this hectic society, people will find that receiving information through other media is more convenient.

Vocabulary Flow

Newspaper

Fewer distractions
- Focus on the news
- Enhance understanding
- Save time

Convenience of delivery
- Receive info passively
- Create good habit
- Ensure that you're well-informed

Other types of media

No delivery → People don't actively look for news

Technological advancement
- Young people read news on smartphone
- News sources are easily followed through social media
- TVs that updates info are everywhere

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Effects
- Expand Interest
- Personalize what kind of info to receive
- Stay informed efficiently

Writing Task 2

Question 13:
Some people think the most important thing about being rich is that it gives person an opportunity to help other people. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
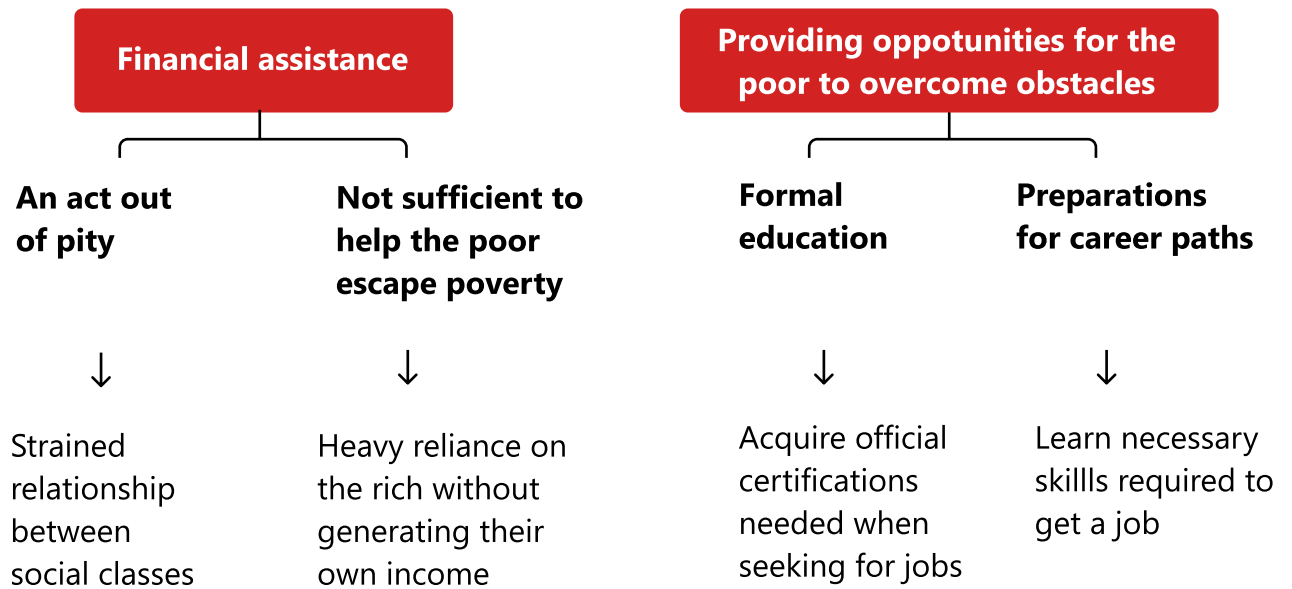
Many people think that rich people have the responsibility to help out those that are underprivileged. However, I think that help should not only be in monetary terms.

Firstly, people who are more fortunate in their lives should give back to the community . However, rich people should not help out the poor by providing them with money. This is because the money given to the poor can be seen as being given "out of pity", thus straining the relationship between the different social classes. Secondly, giving out money will not be sufficient to help the poor escape poverty. The constant source of financial assistance will only make the poor rely on the rich to survive without generating their own incomes.

Secondly, I agree that rich people can give out to the community in terms of providing opportunities for the poor to overcome their obstacles. Poverty often stems from a lack of formal education and/or preparations for career paths. Formal education can help the underprivileged acquire official certifications needed for job-seeking. Also, attending vocational schools allows the poor to learn necessary skills required to get a job. This is why the rich can help in the sense of funding for the poor's formal or vocational education.

In conclusion, I think that people who are more fortunate in their lives should take care of the unfortunate. However, help should be given not in monetary terms, but rather in providing them the opportunities to work and earn their own money.

Vocabulary Flow

Financial assistance

An act out of pity

Not sufficient to help the poor escape poverty

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Strained relationship between social classes

Heavy reliance on the rich without generating their own income

Providing oppotunities for the poor to overcome obstacles

Formal education

Preparations for career paths

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Acquire official certifications needed when seeking for jobs

Learn necessary skillls required to get a job

Writing Task 2

Question 14:
Governments should make people responsible for looking after their own local environment. Do you agree or disagree?

With the increasing damages caused to the environment, many governments are now looking for ways to alleviate this problem. One way to do it is to have people looking after their local environment. I completely agree with this solution.

I agree with this because the key to alleviate environmental problems is to take small steps from even the simplest action. With that idea, the local environment would be the perfect start for people to take actions. These actions could be as simple as a gathering of neighbors to clean up and sort out the trash collected in their areas. It is the people who live in the area who know the environment there best, so it is suitable to have these people look after their local environment. Aside from benefiting the government, this will actually be beneficial to locals, too. The positive impacts on the environment will create better living qualities.

However, there are some downsides to this solution. First of all, not everyone have the extra time to take care of the environment. The government cannot expect young people to able to squeeze some extra time from their already hectic schedule to improve the quality of the local environment, when even they lack the time to take care of themselves. Secondly, the government needs to host events to introduce laws, as well as giving further instructions as to how this can be done, rather than making people think of ways to improve the quality of the local environment on their own.

In conclusion, I believe that having people taking small actions and stopping further damages caused to the local environment is a great start to alleviate environmental problems.

Vocabulary Flow

Benefits

- **Small steps from simple action** → Big change → Alleviate problems

  Ex: Neighborhood gather to clean up and sort out trash

- **Locals are most suitable to look after their own local environment**

  Create better living qualities

  Be beneficial to locals

Downsides

People have hectic schedule

No time for themselves

Not able to squeeze in time for the environment

Suggestion

- **Host events to introduce laws**
- **Give instructions**

Writing Task 2

Question 15:
Many parents choose to teach their children at home instead of sending them to school. Do you think the benefits of home schooling outweigh its drawbacks?
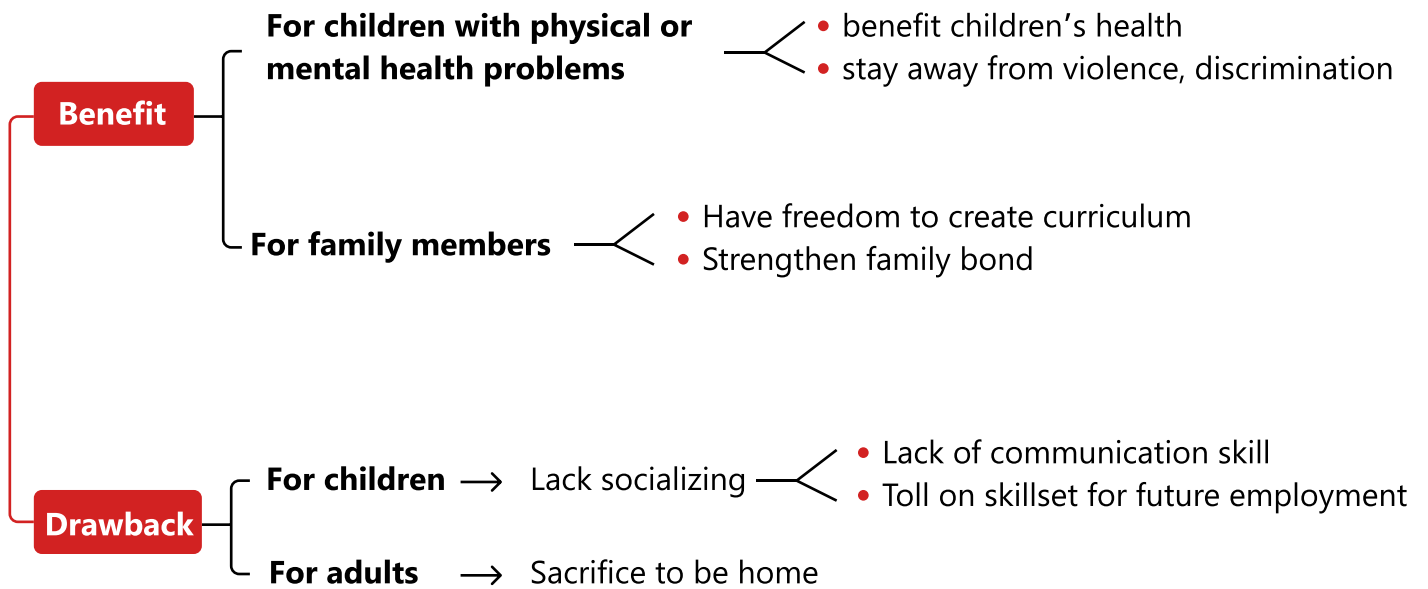
With the development of technology, many parents opt for home-schooling, rather than sending their kids to school for education. Although I think homeschooling can be beneficial to children, I think that its drawbacks outweigh the benefits.

It cannot be denied that homeschooling is an excellent choice for some kids, especially children with physical or mental health problems. For children whose health does not allow them to go to academic institutions, homeschooling is the best education method for them. I understand that schools can be very dangerous, both physically and mentally, for children. These harms can come from violence and discrimination from teachers, students, and even school staff. Secondly, educating children at home will strengthen the bonds between parents and children. This will create freedom for parents to customize the curriculum for their children, too.

On the other hand, there are many drawbacks of homeschooling. The most important downside of homeschooling is that these children will often have difficulties socializing with not just other children, but also to other adults, with the exception of their families and whoever they receive the education from. This lack of communication skill will take a toll on their skillset as communication is employers' most required soft skill at the moment. Another thing is, in order to homeschool their children, at least one of the parents has to be home constantly. This is a sacrifice that not every parent can take.

In conclusion, although I believe homeschooling is suitable for some children, I do not think that every child should be educated only at home. The disadvantages of homeschooling method far outweigh the advantages.

DOL ENGLISH

Vocabulary Flow

Benefit

For children with physical or mental health problems
- benefit children's health
- stay away from violence, discrimination

For family members
- Have freedom to create curriculum
- Strengthen family bond

Drawback

For children → Lack socializing
- Lack of communication skill
- Toll on skillset for future employment

For adults → Sacrifice to be home

Writing Task 2

Question 16:
Traffic and housing problems in major cities can be solved by moving large companies, factories and their employees to the countryside. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
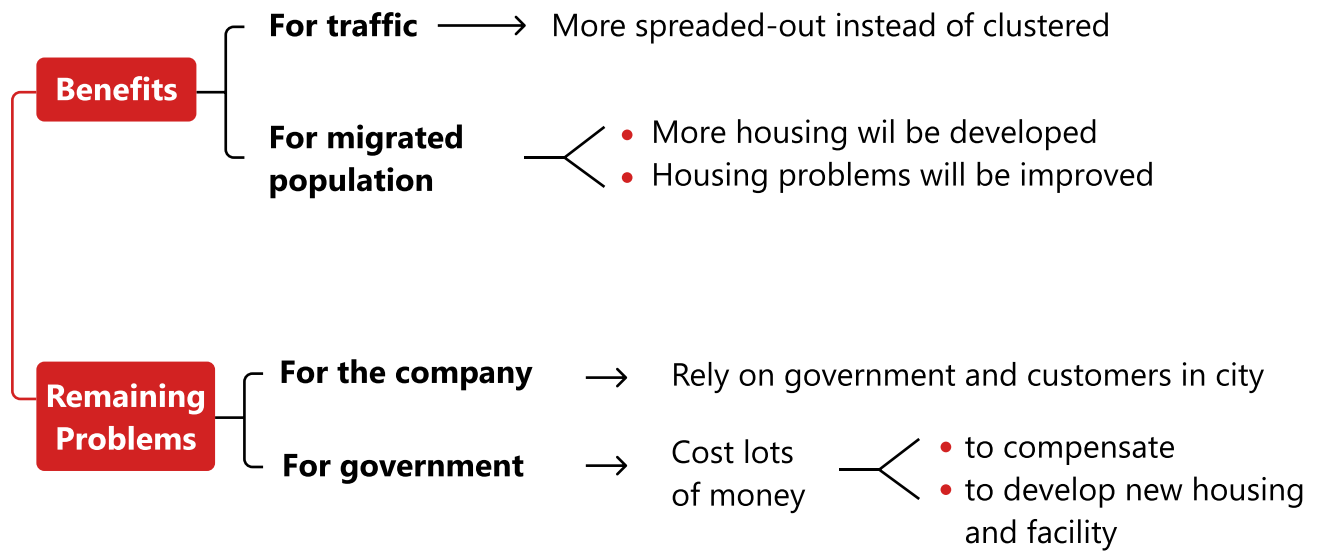
Today, with the skyrocketing growth of major companies and large factories in urban areas, majors cities are facing multiple problems, especially with traffic and housing. One way to solve this is to relocate these enterprises to the countryside. Although this is not always doable, I think it will have immediate results.

Indeed, there is a correlation between the increase in factories and companies in urban areas and the aggravation of problems that major cities have to face. By moving factories and companies to the countryside, along with their employees, it is ensured that traffic would now be more spread out, instead of clustering in urban areas. Housing problems will also be improved as more housing areas will be developed in the countryside to accommodate the migrated population. In many developed countries, business owners are receiving recommendations from the government to carry out this method.

However, there are chances that this solution is not always possible, or it cannot fully eliminate the problems. Moving a factory to the countryside would be easier than moving a company. This is because companies rely heavily on connections to either the government, or customers, which both are majorly located in urban areas. Furthermore, in order to carry this out, the government has to invest a lot of money to both compensate for the relocation of these enterprises, and to develop new housing areas and other facilities, like schools, markets, and recreation centers.

In conclusion, I think that relocating factories and companies, along with their human resources, to the countryside, is a wise decision to make. Although this might not be plausible, this solution will have immediate effects.

Vocabulary Flow

Benefits

For traffic ⟶ More spreaded-out instead of clustered

For migrated population
- More housing wil be developed
- Housing problems will be improved

Remaining Problems

For the company → Rely on government and customers in city

For government → Cost lots of money
- to compensate
- to develop new housing and facility

DOL ENGLISH

Writing Task 2

AGREE

DISAGREE

Question 17:
Some people think that art (such as painting and music) does not directly improve quality of people's life, so the government should spend money on other areas. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
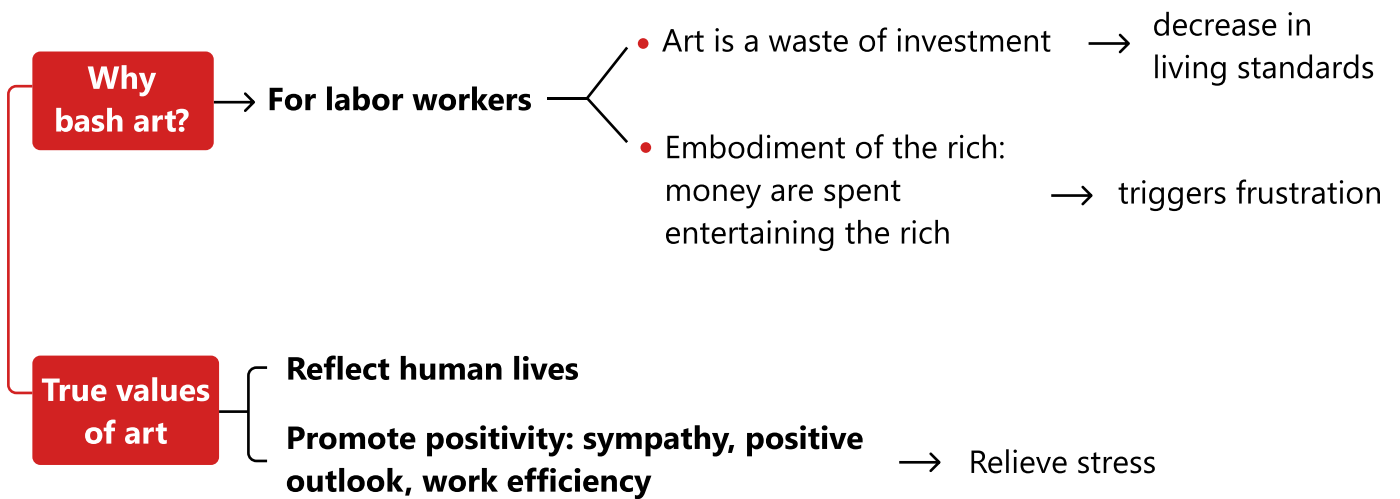
In developing countries where the budgets of governments are still limited, there are opinions that money should be spent on improving other aspects of life, rather than being invested in art. I completely disagree with the idea as I think art is a vital part of life.

I can partially understand why people are bashing the idea of funding for art. Many labor workers have little contact with art, especially art forms that require fine tastes. The labor workers are the population who understands, and experience first-hand the decrease in living standards. This is why, to them, art is considered a waste of money from the government. Another argument could be that, to many people, art is the embodiment of the rich, and spending money to invest in entertaining the rich triggers frustration from the general public.

However, I believe that this only occurs when people do not fully understand the true values of art. All forms of art are designed to reflect daily human lives, to promote and offer sympathy to people of all classes. Art also has a mission of encouraging people to have positive outlooks on life. Some forms of art, like certain traditional Vietnamese tunes, can be used to promote work efficiency. This benefits both the government, as the working force is empowered, and the workers, as their stress is relieved.

In conclusion, I completely disagree with the idea that art is not an important aspect of lives. In turn, I actually believe that art helps improve living qualities, and more money should be spent to preserve various art forms.

Vocabulary Flow

Why bash art? → **For labor workers**

- Art is a waste of investment → decrease in living standards

- Embodiment of the rich: money are spent entertaining the rich → triggers frustration

True values of art

Reflect human lives

Promote positivity: sympathy, positive outlook, work efficiency → Relieve stress

DOL ENGLISH

Writing Task 2

ADVANTAGES
—————
DISADVANTAGES

Question 18:
In many countries, people can eat a wide variety of food from other countrie.
As a result, they eat more food from other cultures rather than local cuisine.
Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the
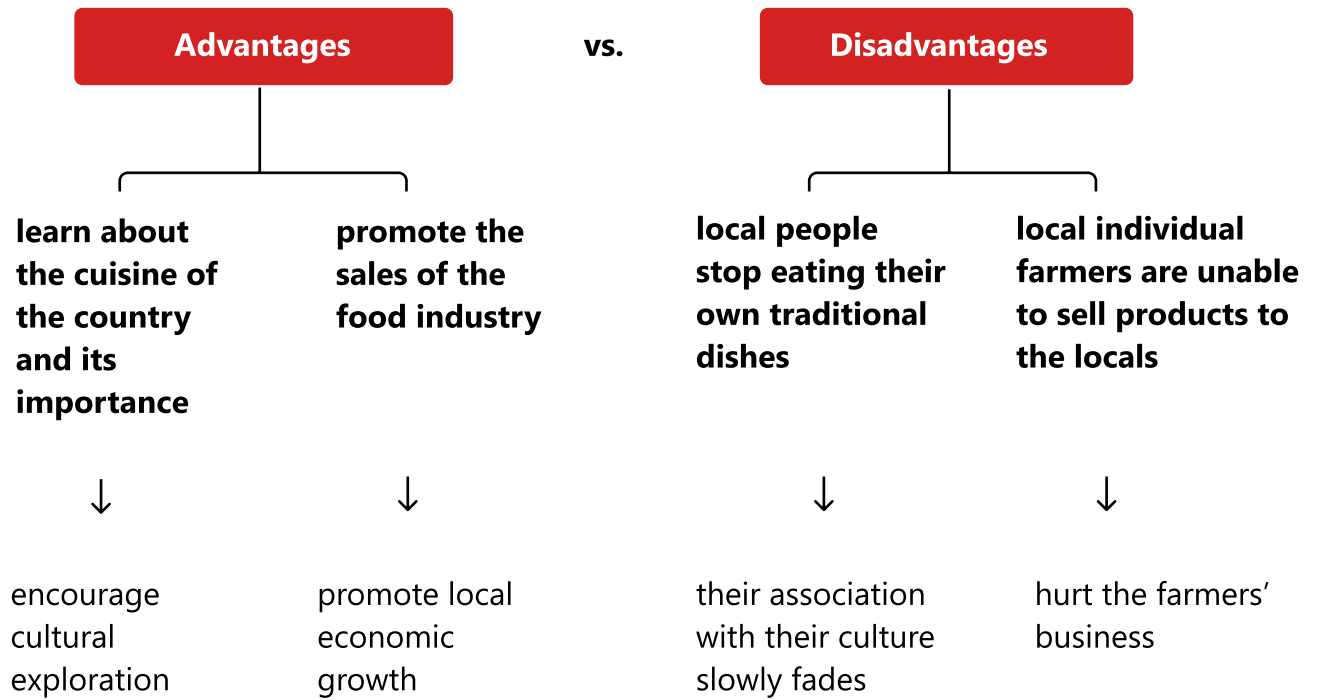disadvantages?

With the advancement of technology, the world is now becoming more globalized than ever. Many people are now eating more food from other regions than food from their cultures. Although this may have some benefits, I believe this development is not positive.

However, it is indubitably that this development will encourage cultural exploration and promote the economic growth of other regions. By experimenting other cuisines, people are learning more, not only about the culture of a new country, but also the significance of a certain dish to that country. Secondly, no matter what cuisine one might be eating, this serve as an opportunity to promote sales in the food industry, which helps to improve local economy.

On the other hand, this development would not be beneficial in the long run to the locals. A big part of a country's culture is its cuisine. If people stop eating traditional dishes, their association with their own culture will slowly fade away. Secondly, when people consume too many food products from other regions rather than that from their own area, it would damage local individual farmers, as they are unable to sell their products.

In conclusion, this development, although is positive in the short term, will leave some long term effects on both the culture and the economy of the local residents.

Vocabulary Flow

Advantages	vs.	**Disadvantages**

learn about the cuisine of the country and its importance

promote the sales of the food industry

local people stop eating their own traditional dishes

local individual farmers are unable to sell products to the locals

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encourage cultural exploration

promote local economic growth

their association with their culture slowly fades

hurt the farmers' business

Writing Task 2

Question 19:
Children are experiencing increasing educational, social and commercial pressures. What are the causes? What measures do you think can be taken to reduce them?
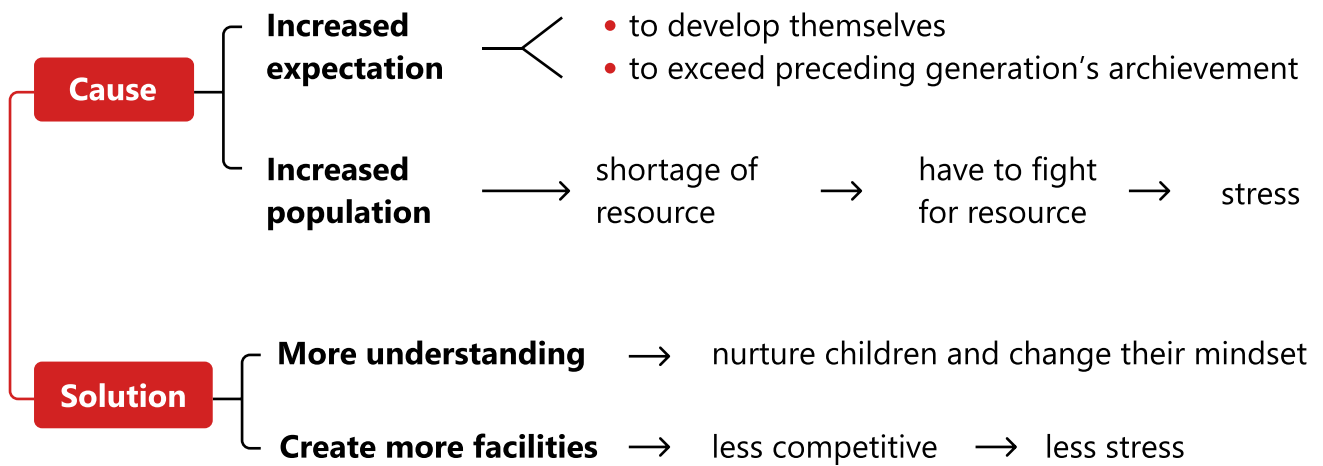
Many reports have shown that children are going through pressures from multiple sources. I think the increasing expectations for the new generation is the main cause of this. By changing the society's mindset, these pressures can be reduced.

Many of these pressures stem from increasing expectations that society put upon the new generation of adults. It is a fact that there is no point in human history where children have as many opportunities to develop themselves as they do in present time. This is why older generations are expecting that children would flourish and exceed whatever accomplishments that the preceding generation has achieved. Furthermore, due to the skyrocketing growth in population recently, there are more children than ever. This leads to a shortage of resources. Children now have to fight for those limited resources, making them more stressed out.

However, I think there are many solutions to this problem. First of all, family members, school staff, and other individuals in society need to be more understanding of children. They need to change their mindset that in order to be successful, children need to be nurtured, rather than being stressed out. Secondly, the government should focus on creating more facilities to lessen the competitiveness in younger generations. Children will be less strained to compete for resources, which in turn will calm them down.

In conclusion, high expectations from older generations and limited resources are the main reasons why children are being pressured from multiple sides. However, changing the mindset of the whole society and providing more resources would be the appropriate solutions to this dilemma.

Vocabulary Flow

Cause

Increased expectation
- to develop themselves
- to exceed preceding generation's archievement

Increased population ⟶ shortage of resource → have to fight for resource → stress

Solution

More understanding ⟶ nurture children and change their mindset

Create more facilities ⟶ less competitive ⟶ less stress

Writing Task 2

Question 20:
Many people today prefer socializing online rather than socializing in local communities. Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
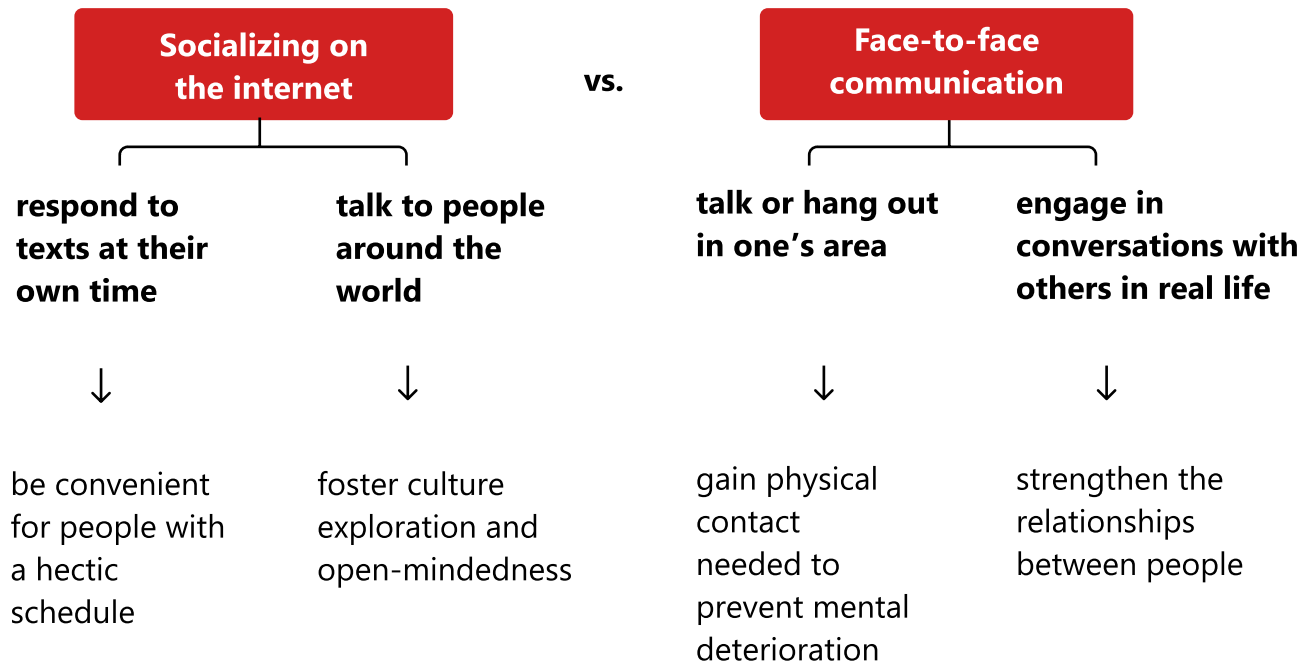
As technologies advance, many people nowadays prefer socializing via the Internet to doing so in their local communities. Although this development brings many benefits to younger generations, I believe it would be harmful in the long run.

People have their reasons to turn to communicating online, rather than doing so in their local areas. Communicating online means convenience because people can respond to texts at their own time. The modern lifestyle is hectic and does not leave much free time for anyone, therefore people have no choice but to communicate with their friends online. Furthermore, because socializing online means that people can talk to others from all around the world, it will foster culture exploration and make people more open-minded.

However, it cannot be stressed enough on the importance of involving oneself into one's community. Face-to-face communication has been shown to have many advantages, both to individuals and to society. There have been reports pointing out that the lack of physical interaction from other people can cause severe mental deteriorations in humans. Talking or hanging out will help one attain the physical contact needed. Furthermore, engaging in conversations with people in real life can strengthen relationships more than online conversations.

In conclusion, it is understandable why people prefer to socialize online. However, my opinion is that this trend would not be beneficial in the long run to both individuals and society.

Vocabulary Flow

| **Socializing on the internet** | vs. | **Face-to-face communication** |

| respond to texts at their own time | talk to people around the world | talk or hang out in one's area | engage in conversations with others in real life |

| ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |

| be convenient for people with a hectic schedule | foster culture exploration and open-mindedness | gain physical contact needed to prevent mental deterioration | strengthen the relationships between people |

Writing Task 2

Question 21:
Young people are changing their jobs or careers every few years. What do you think are the reasons? Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
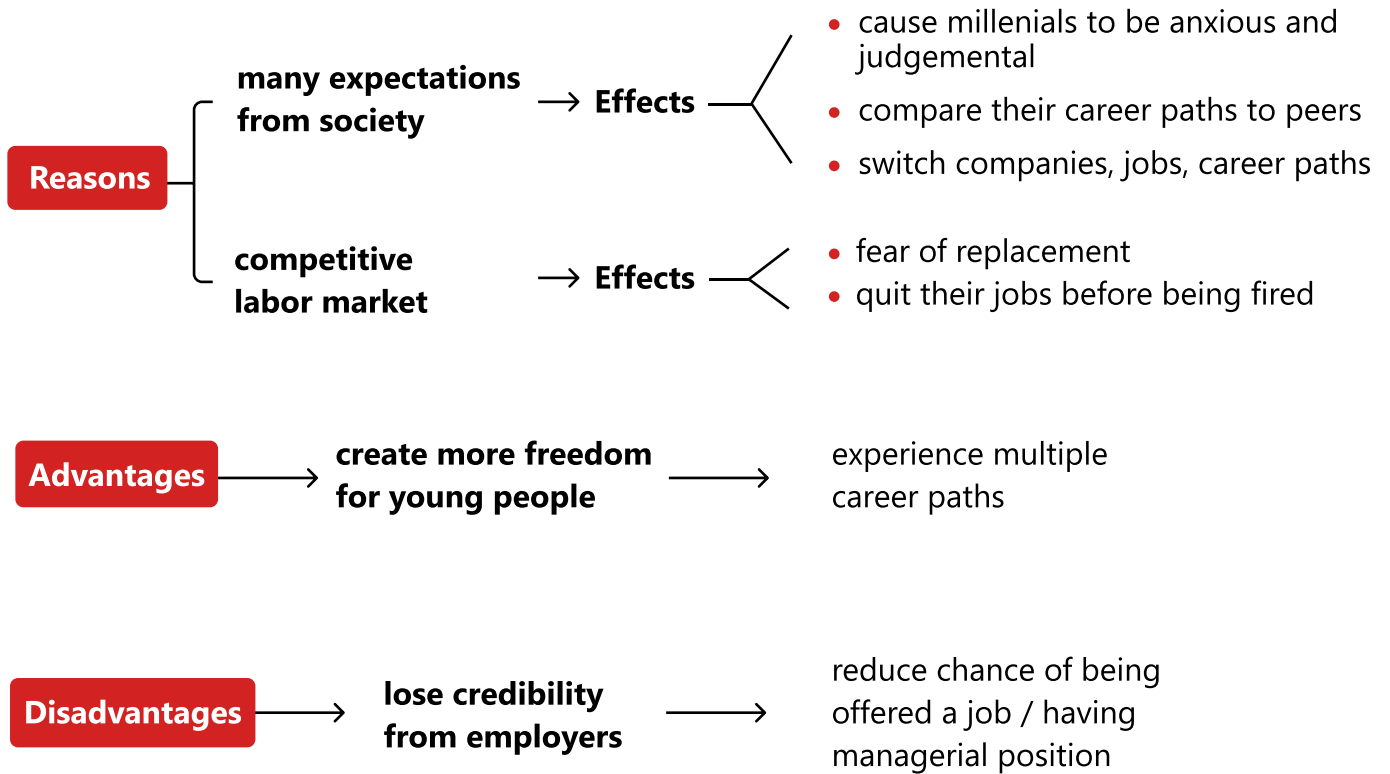
It is a fact reported by many employers that young employees have a habit of switching jobs every few years. I believe the increasing pressure puting on them is the main reason for this. However, the disadvantages of this phenomenon outweigh the advantages.

There are many reasons why young people are doing so. One of which is that young generations are carrying the expectation to be successful from the society. This over-expectation is causing millennials to be anxious and judgemental of what they have achieved and compare their career paths to their peers. As a result, many people have switched companies, jobs, or even career paths after just a few years in pursuit for more chances of being successful. Secondly, with the competitive labor market at the moment, employees who are in fear of being replaced have a tendency to quit their jobs before being fired.

Undeniably, there are some advantages of doing so. This would create more freedom for young people to experience multiple career paths before choosing the right one. However, the negative effects are more critical. By constantly jumping from one job to another, the employee is actually losing credibility from employers. When looking at these employees' resume, the employers will assume that they are taking a risk on hiring employees with multiple short-term jobs . Furthermore, this will lessen the chance of having a managerial position in a company, since this position requires long-term experience.

In conclusion, it is understandable why young people feel pressured to switch their jobs often. However, I think that the disadvantages of this decision outweigh the advantages.

Vocabulary Flow

Reasons

- **many expectations from society** → **Effects**
  - cause millenials to be anxious and judgemental
  - compare their career paths to peers
  - switch companies, jobs, career paths

- **competitive labor market** → **Effects**
  - fear of replacement
  - quit their jobs before being fired

Advantages → **create more freedom for young people** → experience multiple career paths

Disadvantages → **lose credibility from employers** → reduce chance of being offered a job / having managerial position

Writing Task 2

Question 22:
More and more people want to buy famous brands of clothes, cars and other items. What are the reasons? Do you think it is a positive or a negative development?

In modern society, appearances means a lot. This is the main reason why many people are buying famous brands of items to prove their wealth or social status. Although this can be beneficial temporarily, I believe it will have a negative effect in the long run.

There are many reasons for this trend. First off, mass media are constantly sending out messages, mostly through ads, that the brands of an item a person owns reflect their social status. For example, we mostly see ads where a successful businessman carries a high-end product with him, like an expensive watch or a car. Secondly, it is true that people in modern society judges individuals based on how they dress. For instance, it is reported in a survey that most people make better impressions when wearing expensive clothes, which encourages one to dress oneself with high-end products.

Admittedly, this trend will have short-term benefits to the economy. Manufacturers of luxurious brands will receive an increasing demand for their products, thus improving their economy. Additionally, this trend encourages people to be more aware of fashion trends, creating generations with a good fashion sense. However, in the long run, this phenomenon will distort people's perspective on life and be destructive to the environment. People will gradually be obsessed with consumerism, neglecting other important life aspects. Furthermore, in order to manufacture these items, many natural resources are used. This phenomenon will use up natural resources and deteriorate the quality of the environment.

In conclusion, because of the way individual dresses oneself is heavily judged by many, many people want to buy luxurious items. Although this phenomenon will have many short-term advantages to the economy, in the long run, this will be a negative development.

Vocabulary Flow

Reasons

brands reflect the social status — example → successful businessmen wear expensive watches

society judges individuals based on how they dress — example → most people make better impressions when wearing expensive clothes

Benefits

increasing demand of luxurious products → boost the economy

increasing awareness of fashion trends → create generations with good fashion sense

Downsides

people are obsessed with consumerism → distort their perspectives on life

natural resources are used to manufacture these products → be destructive to the environment

Writing Task 2

Question 23:
People have different views on how to reduce traffic congestion. Some think that governments should build more train and subway lines, while others think that building more roads and widening existing roads will reduce traffic congestion. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
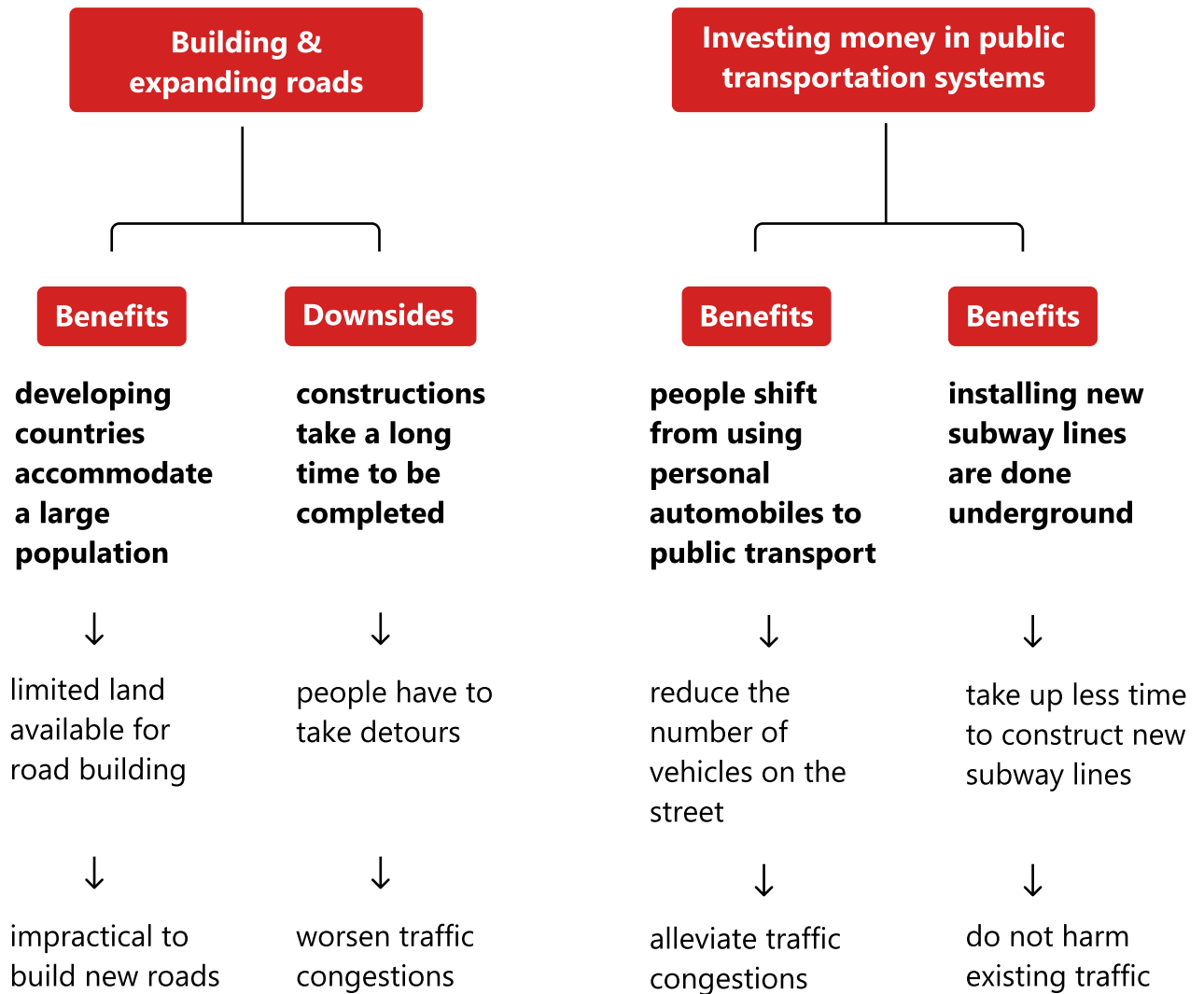
As more and more traffic congestion is happening around the world, many people think that building or upgrading roads is a propable approach to alleviate this problem. However, I think that developing public transportation facilities is a much better solution.

Although adding road capacity or improving the infrastructure sound like a viable solution, I think there are critical drawbacks to it. Firstly, building more roads does not seem practical considering the resources available especially in developing countries. Installing new transportation infrastructure is always expensive, not to mention the cost and the time to move people away to makes space for the new roads. Secondly, upgrading more roads can worsen traffic congestion, since it requires a substantial amount of time for the constructions to be completed. During the upgrading process, people will have to take detours, which will worsen the problem.

In contrast, there are many reasons why investing money in public transportation systems is the better solution. First, this will encourage people to utilize public transport instead of commuting by own vehicles. This will greatly reduce the number of vehicles on the street, thus effectively alleviates traffic congestion. Secondly, installing new subway lines can be done underground. As a result, there won't be negative effect for the traffict congestion in comparison with road construction.

In conclusion, I think spending money on developing more established public transportation systems is the key to reduce traffic jams. Building roads is good but I think it is not the best choice considering limited resources.

Vocabulary Flow

Building & expanding roads

Benefits

developing countries accommodate a large population

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limited land available for road building

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impractical to build new roads

Downsides

constructions take a long time to be completed

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people have to take detours

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worsen traffic congestions

Investing money in public transportation systems

Benefits

people shift from using personal automobiles to public transport

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reduce the number of vehicles on the street

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alleviate traffic congestions

Benefits

installing new subway lines are done underground

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take up less time to construct new subway lines

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do not harm existing traffic

Writing Task 2

Question 24:
These days, an increasing number of people in many cities knows little about their neighbors and does not have a sense of community. What do you think are the causes and what solutions can you suggest?
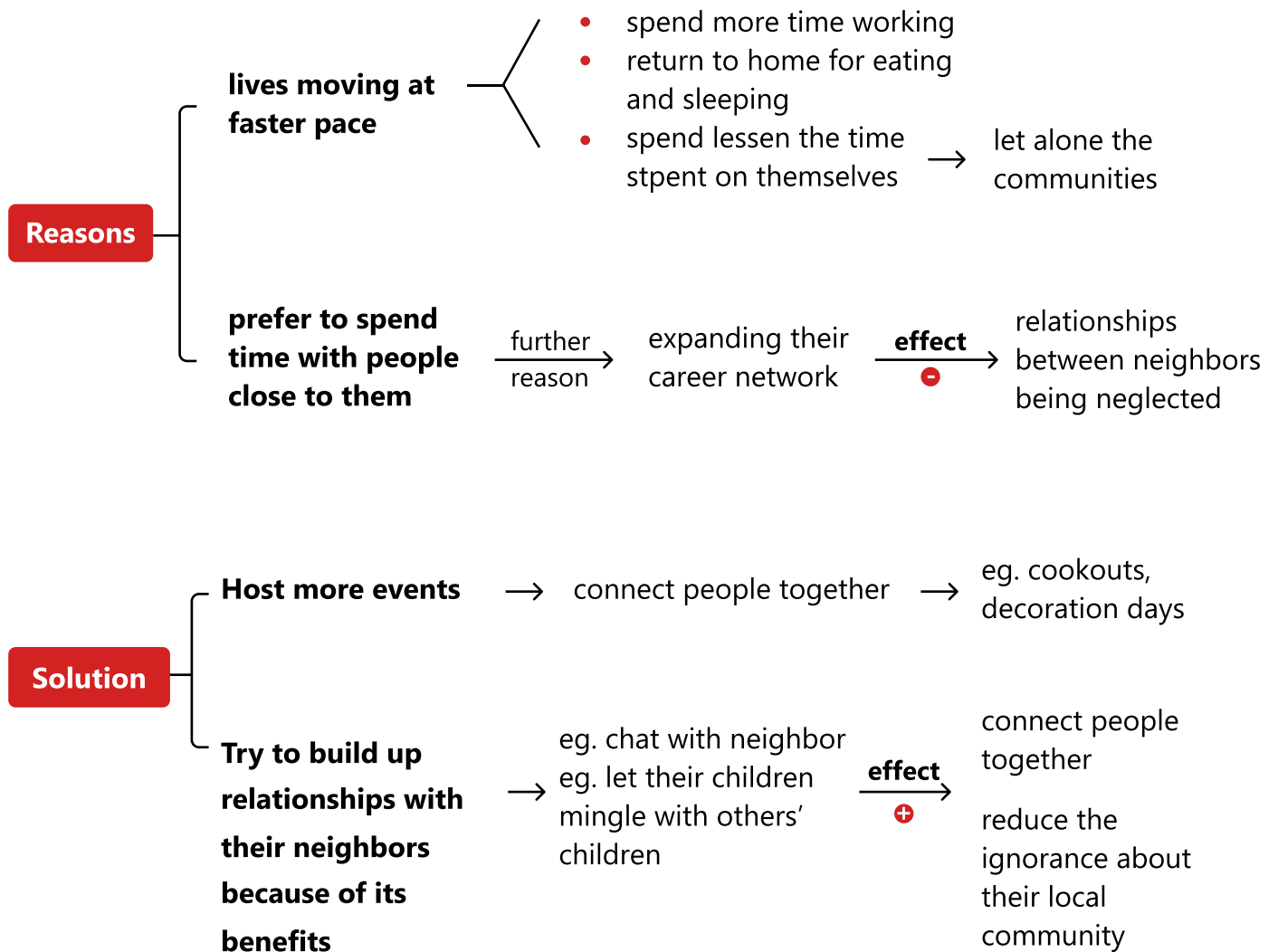
Several reports have shown that there is a growing number of people, mostly in major cities, knows little about their local communities. I think the fast pace of life in urban areas is the main cause of this phenomenon. However, there are many solutions to this.

It is understandable why fewer people are dedicating their time and attention to the communities surrounding them. Firstly, it is without a shadow of a doubt that people's lives are moving at a faster pace than ever, with millennials wanting to spend more time working. This would lessen the time spent on self-care, let alone thinking about the communities around them. It is a common sight to see millennials only returning to their home for eating and sleeping. Secondly, even in their free time, they would still prefer to spend it with the people closed to them, like families, friends, or co-workers. This is why relationships between neighbors are being neglected.

However, there are many solutions that can be taken by both individuals and the local communities to tackle this problem. The government can encourage the local communities to host more events connecting people together, like cookouts or decoration days for traditional holidays. Individuals should also try to build up relationships with their neighbors because of its benefits. A stranger nearby is better than a far-away relative. Having a close friendship with your neighbors can do you wonders in the future. Individuals can start with something small and simple like chatting with their neighbors about their week, or letting their children play with others'. It is these small actions that connect people together, reducing the ignorance of young people about their local community.

In conclusion, the hectic lifestyle many young people lead nowadays is the main reason as to why fewer people are paying attention to their neighbors. However, hosting more events locally can be the key to solve this problem.

Vocabulary Flow

Reasons

lives moving at faster pace
- spend more time working
- return to home for eating and sleeping
- spend lessen the time stpent on themselves → let alone the communities

prefer to spend time with people close to them — further reason → expanding their career network — **effect −** → relationships between neighbors being neglected

Solution

Host more events → connect people together → eg. cookouts, decoration days

Try to build up relationships with their neighbors because of its benefits → eg. chat with neighbor eg. let their children mingle with others' children — **effect +** → connect people together

reduce the ignorance about their local community

Writing Task 2

Question 25:
Some businesses find that new employees who just finished their education lack basic interpersonal ability such as working with other employees as a team.What do you think are the causes and what solutions can you suggest?
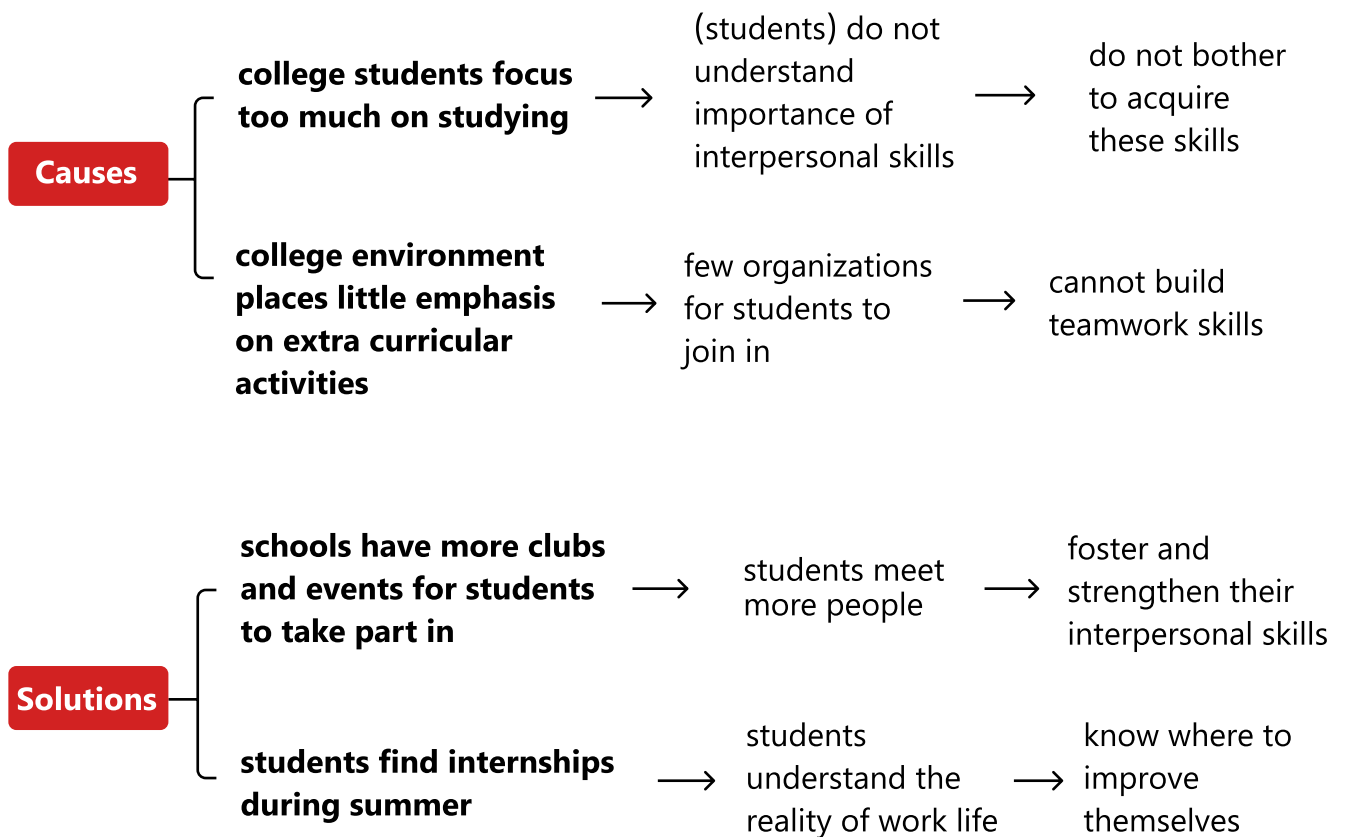
There have been many reports showing that employees who have just finished college are lacking in interpersonal skills. I think the negligence in building up those skills during college can be one of the causes. However, there are many solutions to this problem.

There can be many causes for this lack of interpersonal abilities. Firstly, this is due to the fact that many people, especially those whose live in college are too focused on studying and do not pay enough attention to the importance of these skills. Because they do not understand how crucial these skills are and in their work lives, they do not bother to acquire them. Secondly, the environment in colleges places little emphasis on developing extracurricular activities for students. There are very few organizations for students to participate in and build up on their teamwork abilities.

However, I think there are many ways that we can improve this situation. Firstly, schools should have more clubs and events for students to take part in so they have the chance to meet more new people. By this way, students can foster and strengthen their interpersonal skills. Moreover, students should be encouraged to find internships during the summer or other vacations. This will help them understand the reality of work life and thus, know where to improve themselves to work effectively.

In conclusion, there are many reasons why young adults are lacking in their transferable skills. One of the main causes is that people do not pay enough attention to building these skills. However, I believe that a lot of effort can be taken to solve this.

Vocabulary Flow

Causes

college students focus too much on studying $\longrightarrow$ (students) do not understand importance of interpersonal skills $\longrightarrow$ do not bother to acquire these skills

college environment places little emphasis on extra curricular activities $\longrightarrow$ few organizations for students to join in $\longrightarrow$ cannot build teamwork skills

Solutions

schools have more clubs and events for students to take part in $\longrightarrow$ students meet more people $\longrightarrow$ foster and strengthen their interpersonal skills

students find internships during summer $\longrightarrow$ students understand the reality of work life $\longrightarrow$ know where to improve themselves

Writing Task 2

Question 26:
Some people who have been in prison become good citizens later. Some people think that they are the best people to talk to school students the danger of crime committing. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
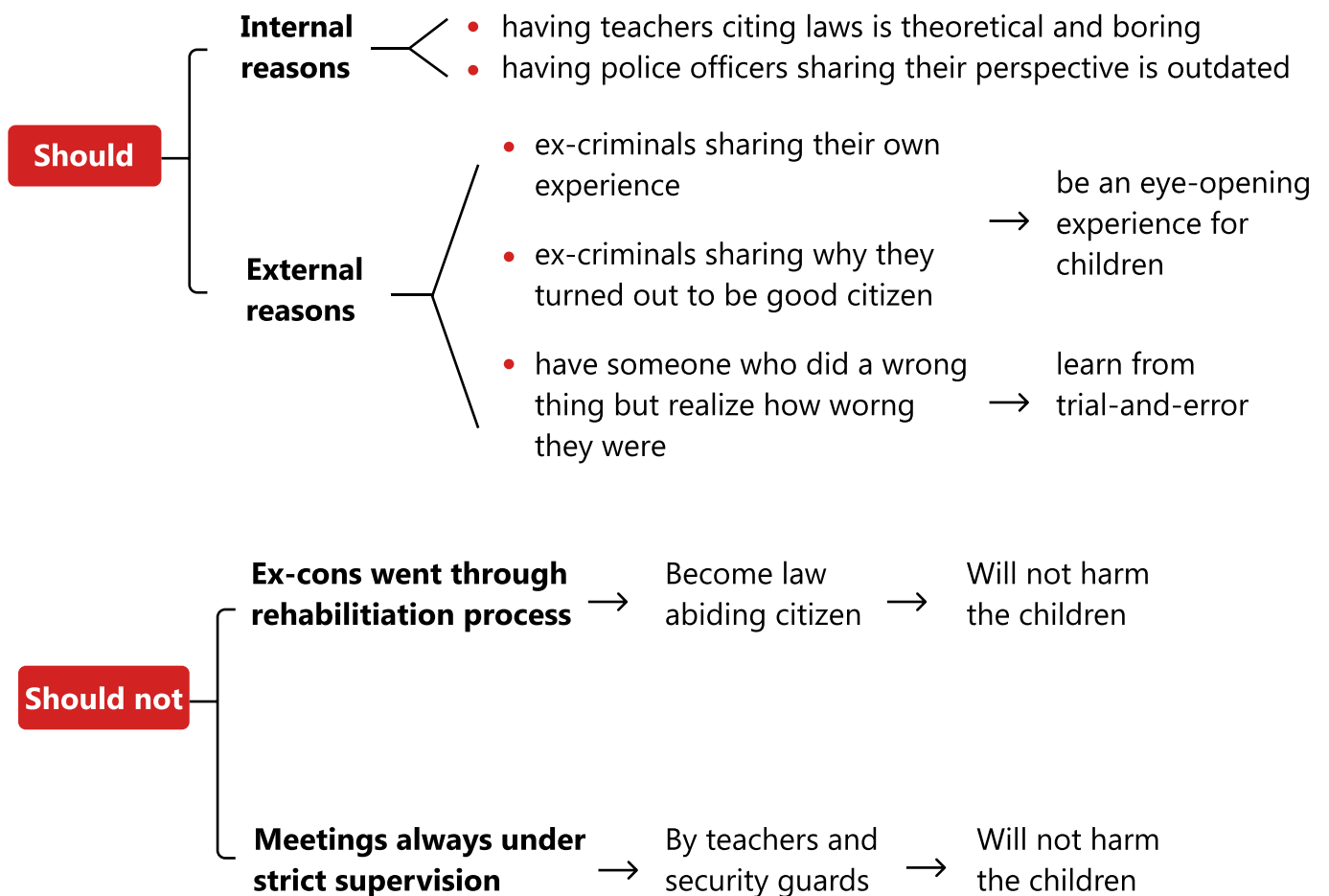
Many criminals nowadays become good citizens after being released from prison. Many educators think they are the people most suitable to talk to children about the dangers of committing crimes. Personally, I agree with this idea.

It is a fact that the way children are educated about the consequences of crime committing is boring. The usual approach, which is having teachers citing laws is very theoretical. Having police officers sharing their crime fighting experience only show one side of the story. Which is why having ex-convicts sharing their own stories and how they turned to be good citizens would definitely be an eye-opening experience for children. Furthermore, this approach compliments well with the trial-and-error teaching method which is an efficient learning approach for most children. Specifically, the student is enable to see someone who did a wrong thing but then realized their wrong-doings and strive to becomes better.

It is understandable why there are concerns about having ex-cons being close with the children. However, these concerns shouldn't be concerned at all.. First of all, the rehabilitation of prisoners is an extremely difficult but efficient process. Therefore, the ex-cons are very vastly likely to become law abiding citizens. They will not harm the children before, during or after talking to them. Secondly, the meeting will always be supervised strictly by teachers and security guards

In conclusion, although many would think having ex-criminals sharing experiences to children can be harmful, I think that this is a creative way to educate children on the dangers of breaking the law.

Vocabulary Flow

Should

Internal reasons
- having teachers citing laws is theoretical and boring
- having police officers sharing their perspective is outdated

External reasons
- ex-criminals sharing their own experience
- ex-criminals sharing why they turned out to be good citizen

→ be an eye-opening experience for children

- have someone who did a wrong thing but realize how worng they were

→ learn from trial-and-error

Should not

Ex-cons went through rehabilitiation process → Become law abiding citizen → Will not harm the children

Meetings always under strict supervision → By teachers and security guards → Will not harm the children

Writing Task 2

Question 27:
Some people say modern children's games do not develop a wide range of skills, while traditional games can be much better for developing such skills. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

As technology develops, more and more games for children are created. While some people claim that these games do not aid in enough for child development in comparison with traditional games, I believe in otherwise.

On the one hand, I can understand why many people are claiming that modern children's games are not promoting skill development. Most modern games that are popular to children involve some levels of violence in it, like games where children have to shoot or kill other players. Some of which do not, but they promote illegal or unhealthy behaviors like stealing or car racing. These games are believe to send out negative messages to children and will influence them to carry out activities they see in the games. However, this is a myth which has been proven wrong by many valid researchers. Under right parenting and strict management of playing time, these games will only bring entertaining values for children. Furthermore, there are actually plenty of games that are educational and deliver experiences that traditional games cannot make for children.

On the other hand, many modern children's games can help develop social skills, if children are guided to the right genres. There have been many cases in which children can make friends around the world from teaming up to achieve a common quest in games involving multiple online players like Runescape. This alone promotes both communication and collaboration skills. Additionally, there are also mobile games which encourage children to step outside and be more active, like Pokemon Go. This game requires children to go out and walk around to capture Pokemon, promoting activeness.

In conclusion, despite some negative themes incorporated in modern children's games, I still believe that modern games can be as beneficial in developing children's skills as traditional ones.

Vocabulary Flow

Bad effects of modern games on skill development

Researchers prove that violent games do not affect children badly

good parenting →

Games only have entertainment value

A lot of games are educational

example →

Bring out better experiences than traditional games

Good effects of modern games on skill development

promote communication & collaboration skills

example →

team up with friends around the world (Runescape)

encourage children to step outside & be more active

example →

walk around to find and capture monsters (Pokemon Go)

Writing Task 2

Question 28:
Nowadays a large amount of advertising is aimed at children. Some people think this can have negative effects on children and should be banned. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
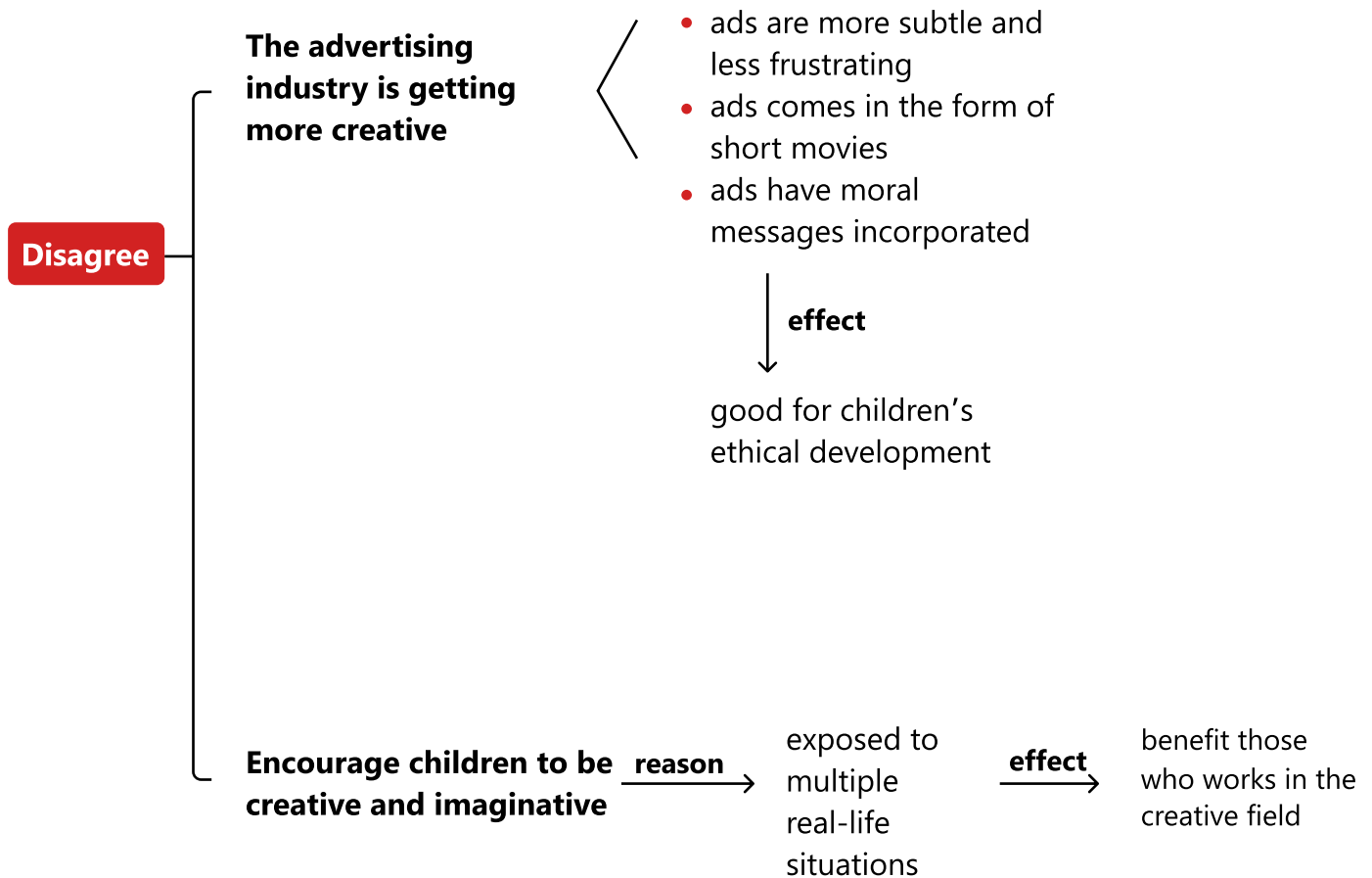
The advertisement industry is experiencing an ever-increasing growth ever since advertisement aimed at children. Some people, mostly parents, think that this has negative effects on child development. In my opinion, this kind of adverts should not be banned because of its following advantages.

Admittedly, as the advertising industry is getting more creative, the ads children are receiving are now more subtle and less frustrating than before. Some ads, especially those aimed at children, are now in the form of short movies with moral messages incorporated within them. By watching some of these ads, children can pick up the moral lessons, which is good for their ethical development. Combining with right parenting, the children should be able to develop positively.

Another positive effect of ads is that they can encourage children to be creative and imaginative in the future as children are exposed to multiple life situations. Children who turn out to work in the marketing field will benefit from these experiences, too. Advertisement aimed at children is alwasy about fantasy worlds and settings which help to boost the child's creativity. At a result, children will be able to becomes more successful when it comes to choosing a career that relate to being creative.

In conclusion, although the advertising industry is a lucrative field ever since it expanded the audience to children, I believe this development is not beneficial to child development and should be limited.

Vocabulary Flow

Disagree

The advertising industry is getting more creative

- ads are more subtle and less frustrating
- ads comes in the form of short movies
- ads have moral messages incorporated

effect ↓

good for children's ethical development

Encourage children to be creative and imaginative → **reason** → exposed to multiple real-life situations → **effect** → benefit those who works in the creative field

Writing Task 2

Question 29:
Some people think that schools should stop teaching students using books, because students find them boring and that children can learn from films, TV, video games and computer instead. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
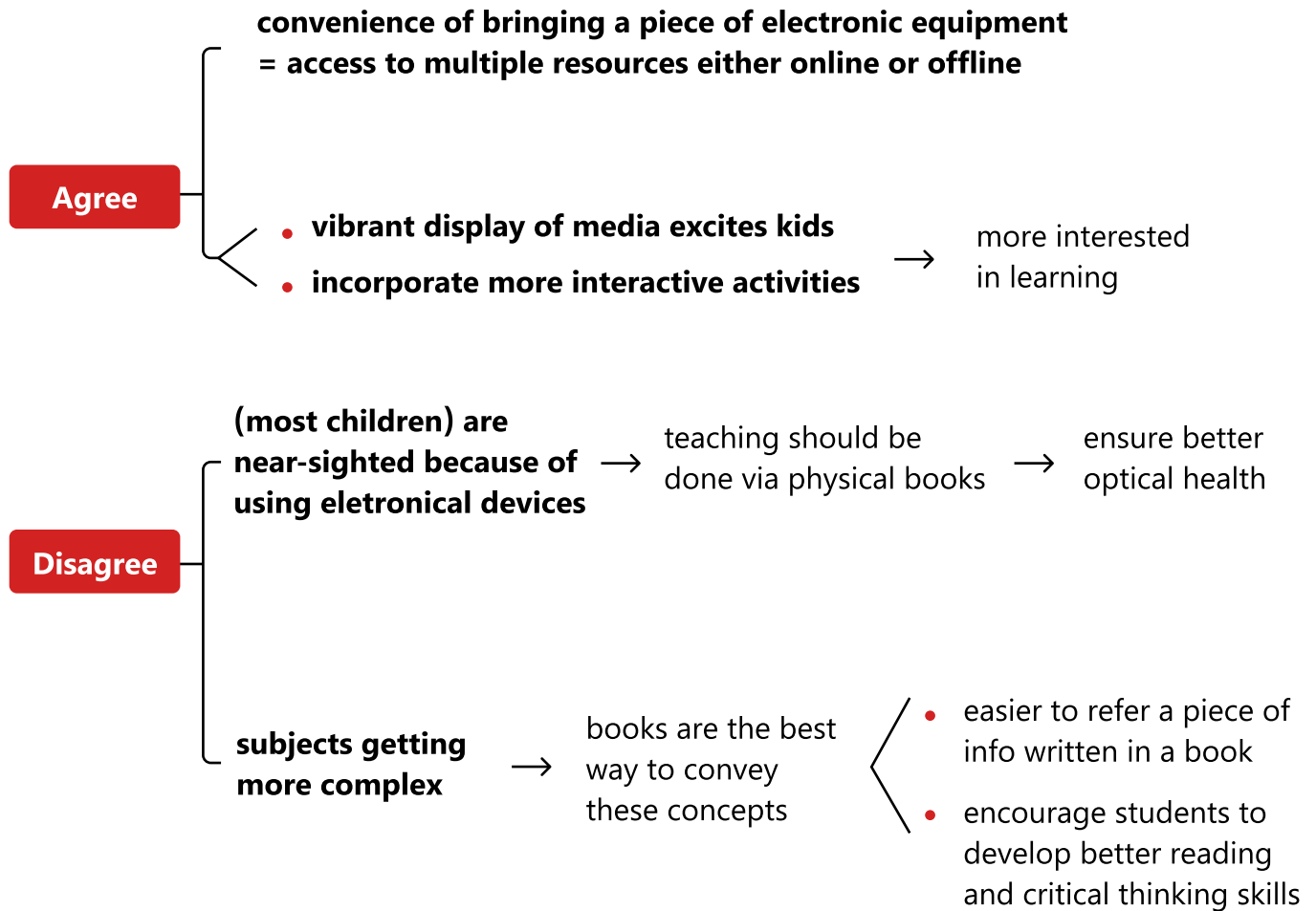
AGREE
DISAGREE

As technologies advance, some people think that books are useless and that schools should not educate children by books but rather by other means I completely disagree with this idea, however.

Although I disagree, I can understand why people would think of such a thing. The convenience of having study materials on other media cannot be denied. Instead of carrying books to school, children can just bring a piece of electronic equipment, which can give them access to multiple resources either online. More importantly, the vibrant display on media like smartphones or computers can excite kids, making them more interested in learning. Learning through films or video games can incorporate more interactive activities than doing so through books.

However, other media should only be used as teaching methods in addition to using books. For young children, teaching should be done via physical books to ensure better optical health, especially when almost every single child is nearsighted. For high school and college students, books should be the main source of information they receive. This is because as the subjects get more complex, books are the best way to convey these concepts. Furthermore, students would find it easier to refer a piece of information written in a book rather than to find it in a film or a video game. Lastly, using books would encourage students to develop better reading and critical thinking skills.

In conclusion, although I understand some positive effects using materials from other media on children education, I completely disagree with the idea that books can ever replace technologies in pedagogical settings.

Vocabulary Flow

Agree

> convenience of bringing a piece of electronic equipment
> = access to multiple resources either online or offline

- **vibrant display of media excites kids**
- **incorporate more interactive activities** → more interested in learning

Disagree

> **(most children) are near-sighted because of using eletronical devices** → teaching should be done via physical books → ensure better optical health

> **subjects getting more complex** → books are the best way to convey these concepts
> - easier to refer a piece of info written in a book
> - encourage students to develop better reading and critical thinking skills

Writing Task 2

Question 30:
Some people say that children should go to school as young as possible, while others believe that children should not go to school until they are at least 7 years old. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

For constant advancement of humankind, many people think that children should be sent to schools earlier than before. Despite some downsides to this, I agree with this idea.

It is without a shadow of a doubt that having kids attending schools as early as possible will nurture their social skills. This is because children will have more time being in contact with other people from different age groups and backgrounds, like their classmates and school faculties, rather than just their family members. Constant contact with people will develop children's communication and collaboration skills. These skills will come in handy later in their lives in college or workplace settings. These environments require and value social skills, as these skills are used daily.

However, it is understandable why some think that parents should wait until their children are at least 7 years old to send them to school. It is believed that this is the appropriate age for children to be able to learn a large amount of knowledge at school. This belief is, nevertheless, not justified because researchers find that teaching children as early as possible encourages their interest in exploring the world. Furthermore, with the advancement of technology, an individual in society is expected to know more information than one from older times. This is why formal education should start earlier in one's life to prepare for the increasingly competitive job market.

In conclusion, I believe that in order to have better job prospects in this competitive job market, children should go to schools earlier. This will promote better intellectual exploration and strengthen social skills.

Vocabulary Flow

Attend schools earlier than before

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More contact with different age groups and backgrounds

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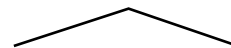develop communication and collabration skills

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come in handy in college or workplace settings

Reach the age of 7 to go to school

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Common belief: 7 is the appropriate age for children to absorb a large amount of knowledge

not justified because early age education encourages children's interest

advancements of tech allows people to gain information more easily

formal education should start as early as possible

Writing Task 2

Question 31:
Nowadays, more and more women have full-time jobs like men, so it is logical that men and women should share the housework tasks equally.To what extent do you agree or disagree?
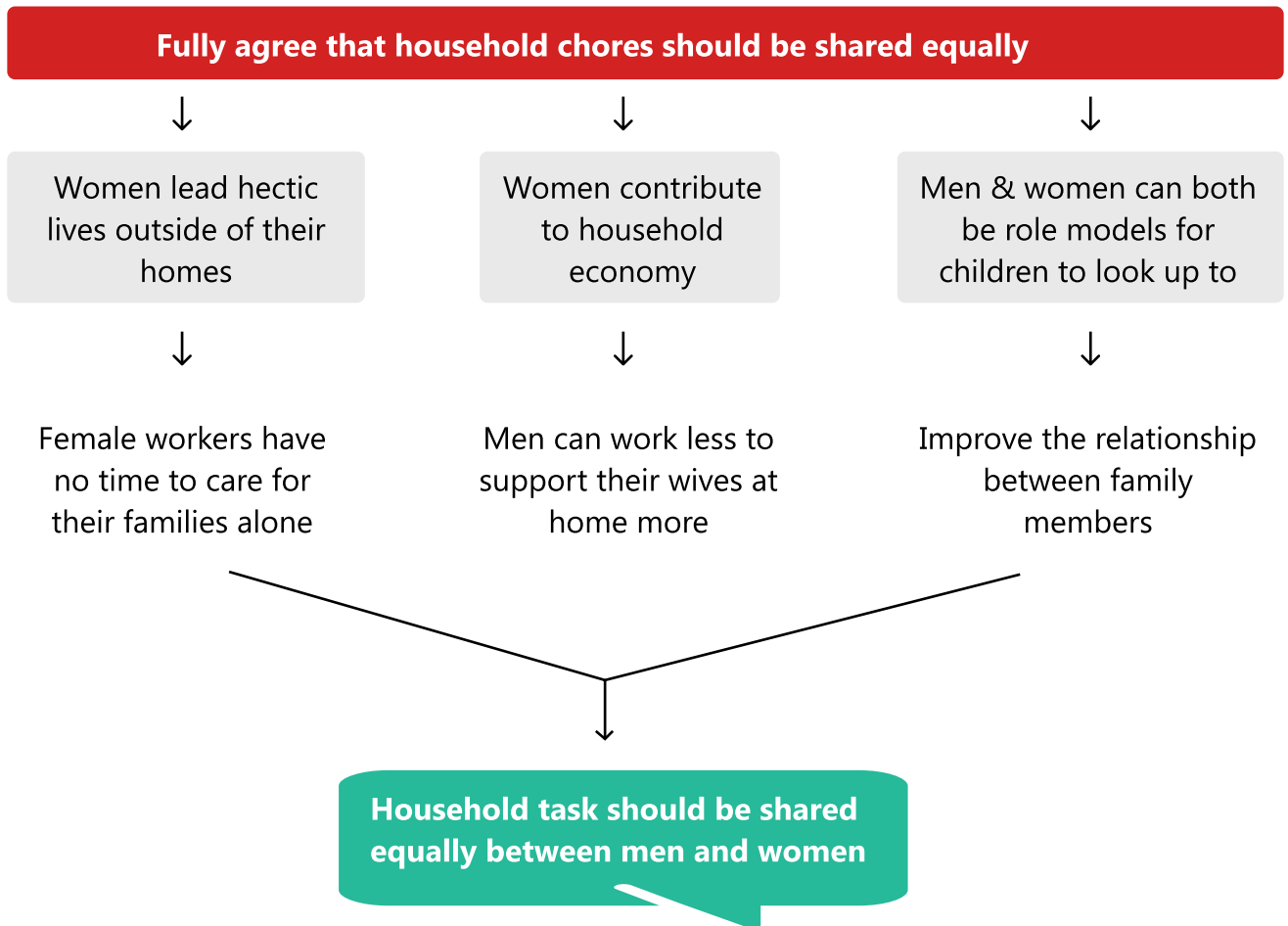
As the idea of gender equality is getting more and more acknowledged in many countries, women are having more full-time jobs than before. This is why I agree that household chores should be shared equally between the two.

First of all, having men and women participating equally in caring for their families is logical. As opposed to the traditional family structure, where women stay at home and carry out all the chores, women in modern society have a working life like men do. Female workers would then have no time to take care of the housework entirely. This is why men should also participate. Another reason is that women are also contributing to the financial stability of their family. Men, therefore, don't have to be the only bread winner of the house. They can work less to help out their wife more at home.

Second of all, I believe equally sharing tasks will have positive effects on the family dynamic. The relationship between parents in a family will be greatly improved. Women will feel as if they are cared for by men and that their roles in families are as equal as men's, thus encouraging them to respect men. Also, this will serve as a good influence on their children. Children will be raised to become people who respect not just women but also the idea of gender equality since they have role models. This will create a new social structure where women are treated as equal to men both regarding their statuses in their family and in society.

In conclusion, I believe that having a system of equally shared household tasks in modern families will be beneficial to both parents and children, who will take that as examples of gender equality.

Vocabulary Flow

Fully agree that household chores should be shared equally

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| Women lead hectic lives outside of their homes | Women contribute to household economy | Men & women can both be role models for children to look up to |

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Female workers have no time to care for their families alone

Men can work less to support their wives at home more

Improve the relationship between family members

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Household task should be shared equally between men and women

Writing Task 2

Question 32:
Group or team activities can teach more important skills for life than those activities which are done alone. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
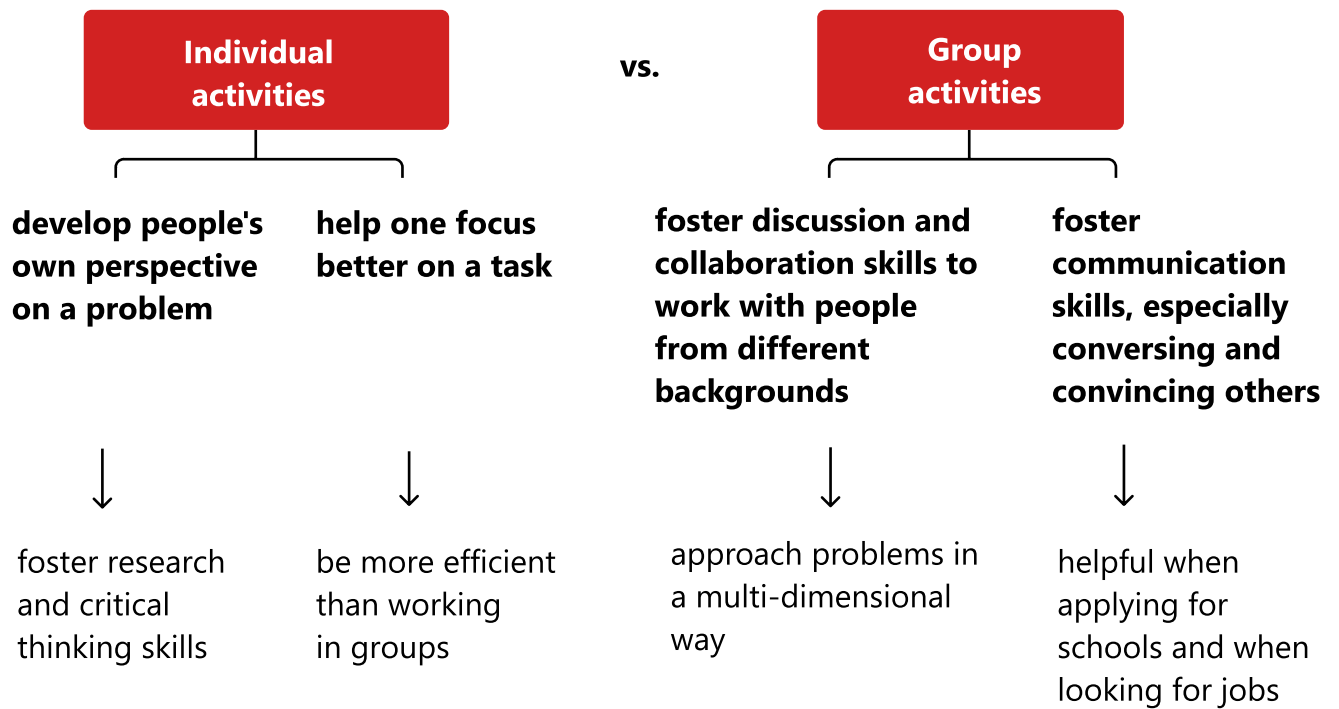
Recently, there has been a debate going on about whether group activities or individual activities are better in educating important life skills. In my opinion, group activities do actually teach people more important life skills, especially at the moment.

Group activities strengthen some core life skills better than individual ones. As technologies are developing faster than ever, most tasks require people to approach the problem from a multi-perspective method. This is why working in teams is important. It teaches young people the skill to discuss and collaborate with people from different backgrounds to achieve common goals. Secondly, it is indubitably that group activities foster communication skills by conversing and convincing other people. These skills are one of the most important aspects of the application process of schools and companies, as students and employees face tasks involving these skills more and more.

However, I think that individual activities can be beneficial to people, especially teenagers. These activities can foster people's research and critical thinking skills. Instead of relying on others' opinions, these people have to develop their own perspective on the problem. Secondly, individual activities can be beneficial in that they can improve one's productivity. When people work in teams, some can prove to be unproductive and end up slowing down the whole team's workflow. This means that individual activities can help one focus better on the task and be more efficient.

In conclusion, I have to admit that individual activities can be beneficial to the development of people's skill set. However, I believe that in these times, group activities will bring more benefits to young adults.

Vocabulary Flow

Individual activities	vs.	**Group activities**

develop people's own perspective on a problem

help one focus better on a task

foster discussion and collaboration skills to work with people from different backgrounds

foster communication skills, especially conversing and convincing others

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foster research and critical thinking skills

be more efficient than working in groups

approach problems in a multi-dimensional way

helpful when applying for schools and when looking for jobs

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Writing Task 2

CAUSES
EFFECTS

Question 33:
Nowadays people always throw old things away, what causes this problem? What effects does the phenomenon lead to? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.
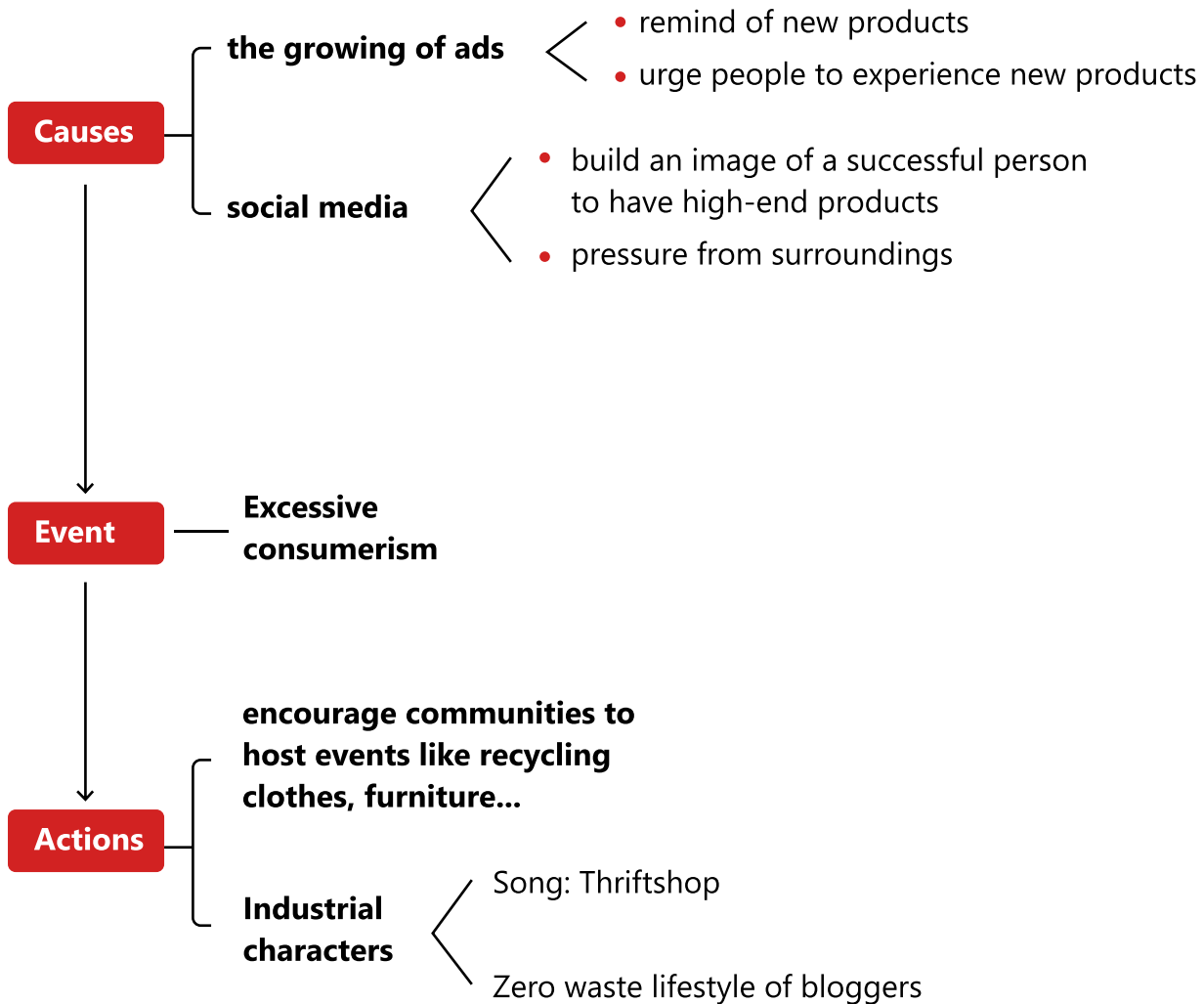
Many surveys have found that people are throwing away more old items than ever. I think the main reason for this phenomenon is the increasing consumerism in our society. This will have negative impacts both on our society and the environment.

There are many reasons that can be linked to this phenomenon. However, I believe excessive consumerism is the main problem that needs to be addressed. With the growing numbers of advertisement in various forms, people are being attracted to new products constantly. This creates pressure from within the mindset of people, urging them to experience every single new product. Another source of this pressure comes from people's surroundings. Social media is building an image that a successful person has to own numerous products from high-end or "cool" brands.

However, because people are influenced by the things they see, mass media can be the key to solve this problem. Influencers, mostly singers and actors, can promote an anti-consumerism lifestyle through their works. An example of this is the song "Thrift Shop" made a few years ago. Lifestyle video bloggers have also started trending the zero-waste and minimalism, which can also be helpful. The government can also encourage communities to host events locally about recycling clothes, furnitures, or accessories. This will ensure that people can get new stuff without having to spend too much money or making their old things go to waste.

In conclusion, overbuying and overspending are the main reasons why people are throwing more old stuff. However, mass media can change this by delivering the message promoting minimalism.

Vocabulary Flow

Causes

the growing of ads
- remind of new products
- urge people to experience new products

social media
- build an image of a successful person to have high-end products
- pressure from surroundings

Event — **Excessive consumerism**

Actions

encourage communities to host events like recycling clothes, furniture...

Industrial characters
- Song: Thriftshop
- Zero waste lifestyle of bloggers

Writing Task 2

Question 34:
Some people think scientific research is a waste of time and money，to what degree do you agree or disagree

Although scientific development is the top priority of developed countries, many people are starting to revisit the discussion of whether these researches are good investments of time and money. Personally, I think that these studies have to benefit humankind to be invested.

Admittedly, it is reasonable why people is bashing the conducting of scientific researches. Firstly, it is a fact that most scientific researches can prolong up to decades. Hence, the results of these studies can be unclear to the public as they do not yield immediate results. For example, developing new medicine can take up to ten years of researching and testing. Secondly, it is also a fact that carrying out these researches takes up a large part of the government's budget. This money can be allocated to fund more immediate projects, like improving the quality of the environment or reducing traffic jams, which are all important problems in people's daily lives.

However, I believe that for the advancement of humankind, it is necessary to carry out scientific researches. Firstly, the importance of the results of scientific studies will significantly justify the efforts and the money spent. For example, in order to develop a new machine, the government has to fund a lot of money. However, if the machine works, the increase in profits due to the increase in efficiency can easily outweigh the time and money spent for researching. Secondly, as natural resources are being used up, developing solutions to save up and find new sources of energies is vital to the survival of mankind. These are the reasons why scientific researches must be carried out.

In conclusion, I can understand why some people are claiming that running these researches is a waste of time and money. However, I believe that the importance of the findings of these researches far outweighs the efforts spent.

Vocabulary Flow

Scientific research is a waste

Prolong up to decades but results are unclear

Take up a large part of the government's budget that can be used other projects

example →

new medicine takes up to 10 years

improve the quality of the environment or reduce the traffic jams

Scientific research is needed for human advancements

The results of scientific studies trump the efforts and money spent

Natural resources are being used up and need solutions

example →

newly developed machines increase profits and efficiency

← example

scientific researches give way to save and create new sources of energy

Writing Task 2

Question 35:
Some groups, such as poor people and people from rural areas, think universities should make it especially easy for them to get access to university education. To what extent do you agree or disagree ?
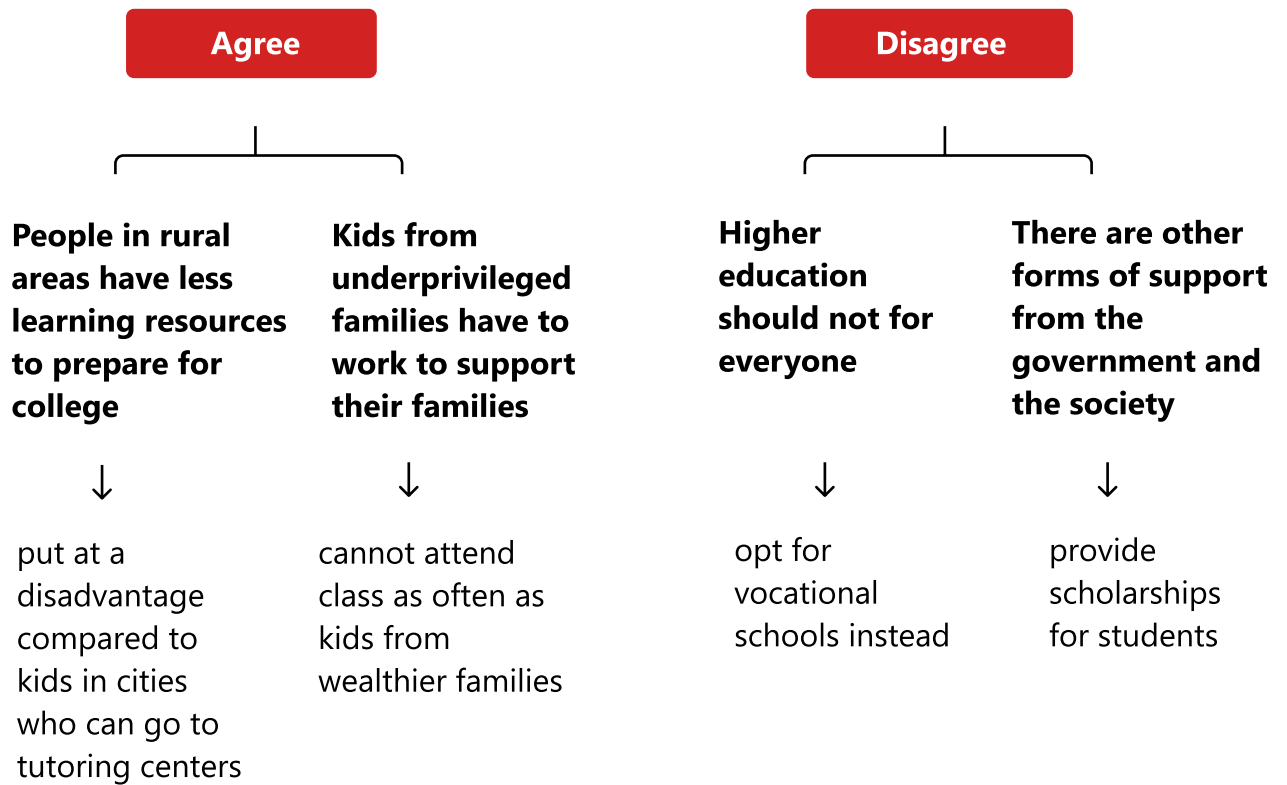
With the increasing importance of posessing a college degree, poor people or people from rural areas claim that they should be prioritized in applying to colleges. However, I completely disagree with this opinion.

I agree that there should have been some supports provided to the poor to help them get access to college. First off, people living in rural areas will have less learning resources for them to prepare for college. For example, in order to prepare for college, kids in the cities can go to tutoring centers. Another point is that kids from wealthier families will tend to be able to attend class more often than those from underprivileged ones. This is because kids from poor families have more things to consider like working to support their families.

However, for fairness, I think that there should be no point in universities making it especially easy for these people to gain access to higher level education. This is because higher education should not be for everyone. People can totally have a stable life without going to college by opting for vocational schools instead. Also, there are many forms of support the government and society can provide to students from minority groups that do not require direct involvement like providing scholarships to these students.

In conclusion, although I agree that there should have been some measures taken to help the minorities attend college, the college application should not provide any priorities for them. This will ensure that these students and those from more privileged areas are treated fairly in exams.

Vocabulary Flow

Agree

Disagree

People in rural areas have less learning resources to prepare for college

Kids from underprivileged families have to work to support their families

Higher education should not for everyone

There are other forms of support from the government and the society

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put at a disadvantage compared to kids in cities who can go to tutoring centers

cannot attend class as often as kids from wealthier families

opt for vocational schools instead

provide scholarships for students

Writing Task 2

Question 36:
In many countries women are allowed to take maternity leave from their jobs during the first month after the birth of their baby. Does advantage outweigh disadvantages?
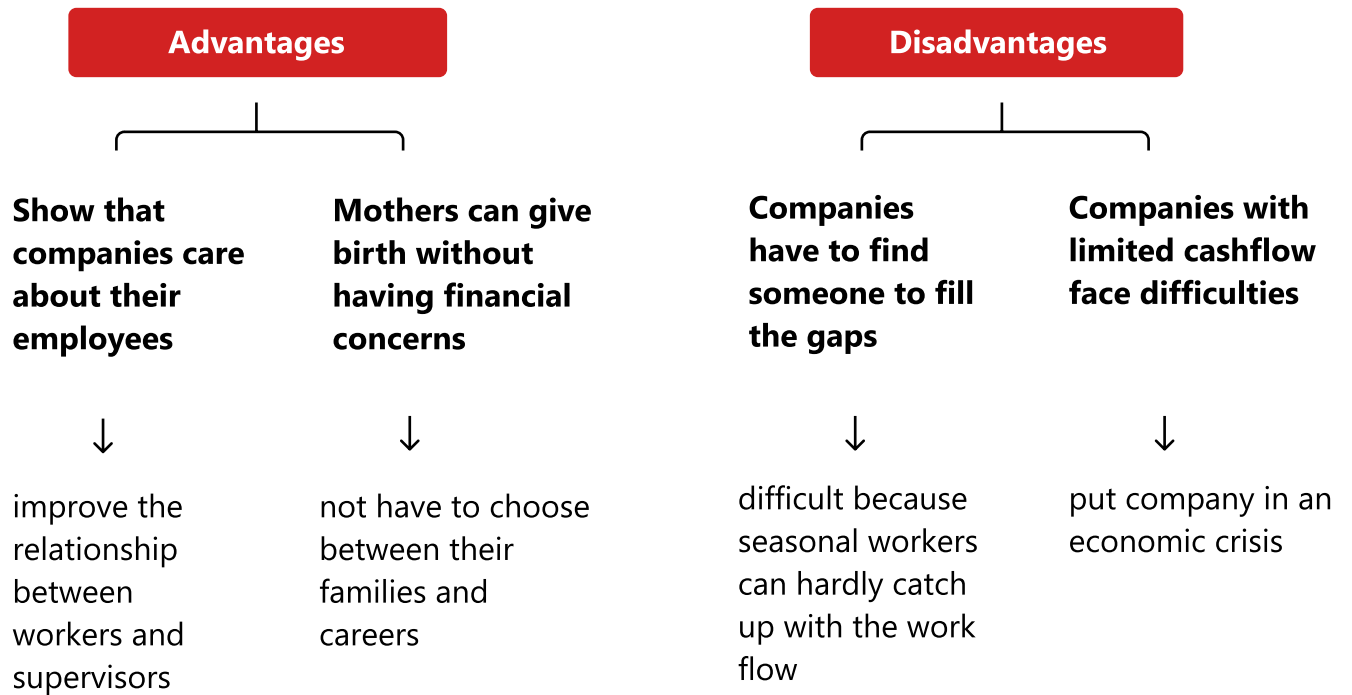
Nowadays, many countries are allowing women to take a month leave after their pregnancies. Despite a few disadvantages this policy may bring, I believe that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

I understand why some people, especially directors of companies, would not want to implement this policy. Firstly, having women taking leaves after the birth of their children would mean that the companies have to find employees to fill in the gaps. This can pose as a difficulty for companies, as finding skilled seasonal workers who can catch up with the workflow is difficult. Secondly, the fact that companies still have to pay salaries to employees on their maternity leave can discourage them from allowing this policy. For small companies with limited financial resources, this policy can put them in an economic disadvantage.

However, there are many reasons why companies should anyway have a maternity leave policy. By allowing employees some time off to take care of their new family members, companies are showing that they genuinely care for their employees. Therefore, the relationship between workers and their supervisors will be improved. Additionally, by allowing mothers to take leave to raise their newborns, these mothers would not have to choose between their families and their careers. This policy ensures that mothers can give birth to their children without having financial concerns.

In conclusion, although the maternity leave policy will pose some difficulties to companies, I believe that women should be allowed to take maternity leave after their pregnancies.

Vocabulary Flow

Advantages

Disadvantages

Show that companies care about their employees

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improve the relationship between workers and supervisors

Mothers can give birth without having financial concerns

↓

not have to choose between their families and careers

Companies have to find someone to fill the gaps

↓

difficult because seasonal workers can hardly catch up with the work flow

Companies with limited cashflow face difficulties

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put company in an economic crisis

Writing Task 2

Question 37:
Reports show that it is increasingly expensive to keep museums open to public. What is the best way to fund them (government, business, individual)?
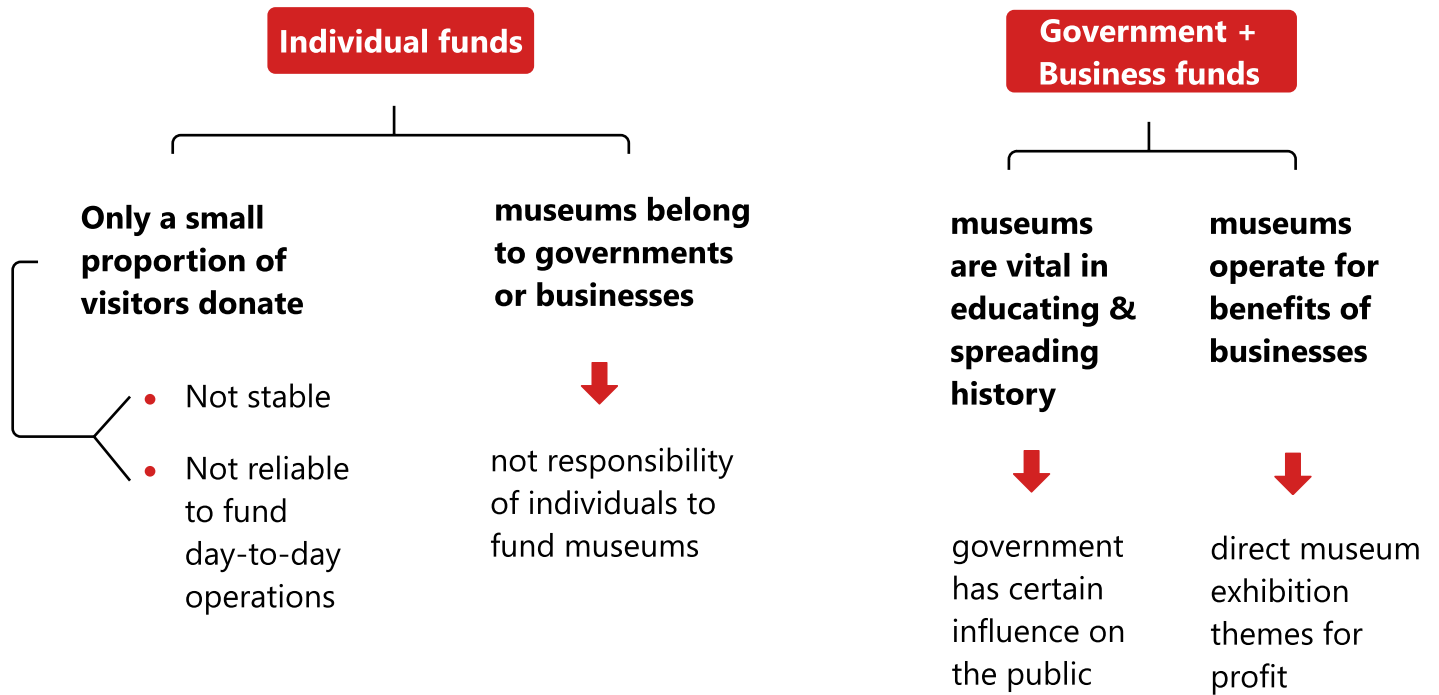
Many reports have shown that the cost of keeping museums available to the public is escalating. In response to this, many people are thinking of ways to fund museums, either by the government, businesses or individuals. In my opinion, the best way to fund museums is to use the budgets of the government and businesses.

Although many individuals are donating to keep museums opened to the public, this source of income is not stable to fund museums' day-to-day operations. Firstly, only a small proportion of museum visitors actually donates. This is the main reason why museums cannot rely on this income alone. Secondly, it should not be the responsibility of individuals to fund the museum. Museums can belong to governments or businesses, like schools and other public facilities. This is why it is unreasonable to expect individuals to donate to museums.

I think the most appropriate sponsors which provide economic resources to museums are both the government and businesses. Firstly, museums operate for the benefit of the government and/or businesses. Museums are vital in educating and representing the country's history, heritage, and culture. Some museums, with their audience targeting at people who are interested in the operations of a certain business, also operate for the benefits of a business. This is why the government and businesses should be providers of economic resources to museums. In this way, they will have a certain influence over the museums, directing museums' exhibition themes for their benefits.

In conclusion, although there are many ways to fund museums, I still think that the best to keep them open is to rely on businesses and the government. For developing countries where keeping museums open to the public is not the top priority, businesses should offer their help.

Vocabulary Flow

Individual funds

Only a small proportion of visitors donate

- • Not stable
- • Not reliable to fund day-to-day operations

museums belong to governments or businesses

⬇

not responsibility of individuals to fund museums

Government + Business funds

museums are vital in educating & spreading history

⬇

government has certain influence on the public

museums operate for benefits of businesses

⬇

direct museum exhibition themes for profit

Writing Task 2

Question 38:
Some people think that young people should spend more of their free time at home with their families, and spend less time outside. Others disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion
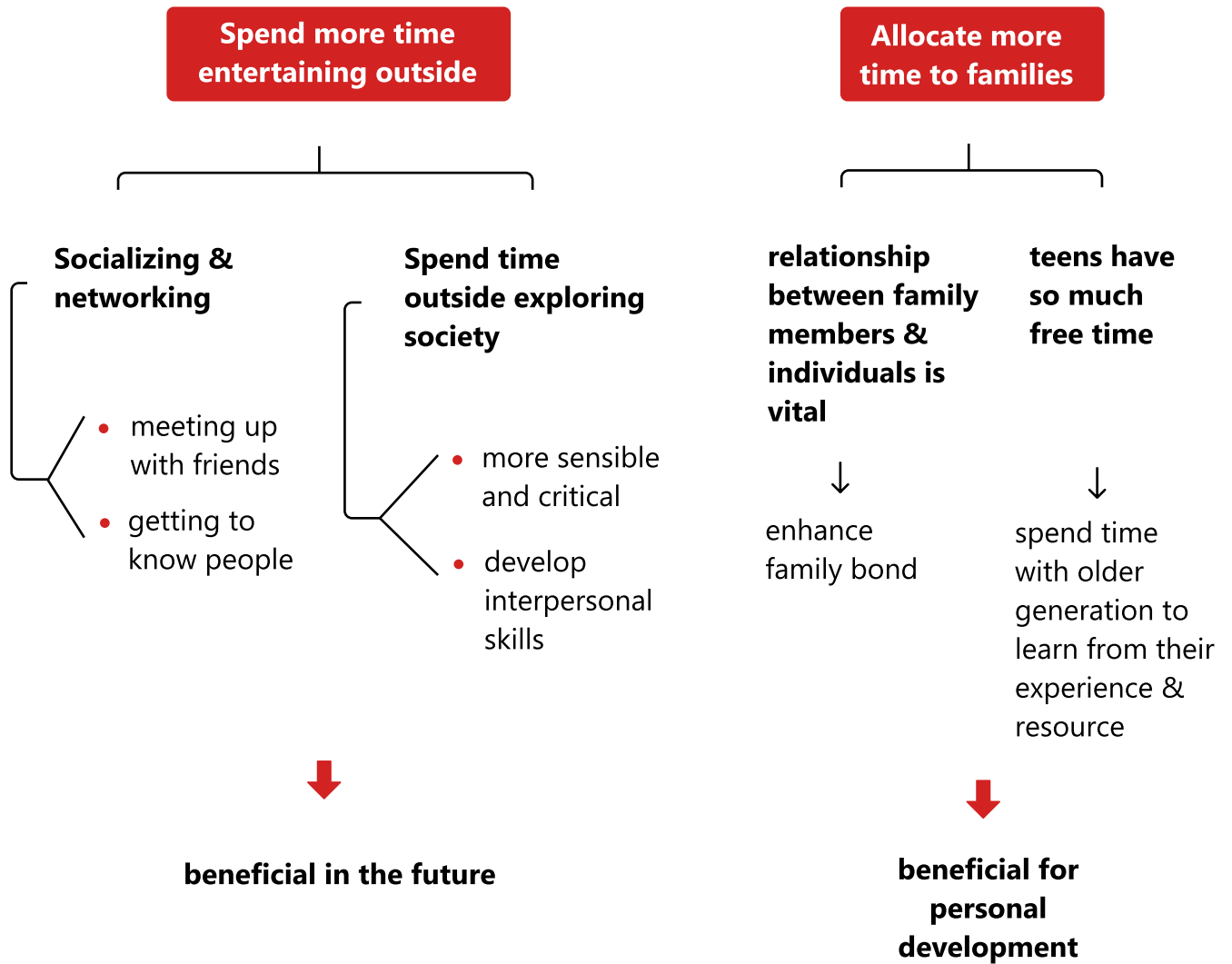
The fact that currently, teenagers tend to spend most of their free time outside of their homes has stirred up controversy. Most adults would agree that teenagers should spend more of their free time with their families. In my opinion, I totally agree with this statement.

Teenagers have their right to claim that spending more time entertaining outside is beneficial for them. First of all, this will encourage socialization and networking, whether these teens do it consciously or unconsciously. Meeting up with friends and getting to know new people can, in turn, be beneficial for the younger generations in their career paths for the future. Secondly, by spending more of their time outside exploring society, teens are developing interpersonal skills which are very important. By seeing and experiencing what are happening in society, they would become more sensible and critical.

However, I think with the current situation, teens should allocate more time to their families. It is undeniable that the relationship between family members and an individual is vital in any person's life. When teenagers enter the working life, they will have significantly less free time to take care of even themselves, let alone their family members. This is why I think many teens should spent more time with their families as they still have plenty of time to spare. Furthermore, strengthening bonds with families can help individuals learn a lot of things since older people are more experienced and resourceful. They can pass these experiences down to the younger generations if teenagers invest more time in getting to know them.

In conclusion, although it is understandable why teenagers would want to spend their free time socializing outside, I think that it is more important for teenagers to allocate more of their time towards their families.

Vocabulary Flow

Spend more time entertaining outside

Allocate more time to families

Socializing & networking

- meeting up with friends
- getting to know people

Spend time outside exploring society

- more sensible and critical
- develop interpersonal skills

relationship between family members & individuals is vital

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enhance family bond

teens have so much free time

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spend time with older generation to learn from their experience & resource

beneficial in the future

beneficial for personal development

Writing Task 2

Question 39:
It is shown that many criminals have a low level of education, some people believe that the best way to reduce crime is to educate them in prison so that they can find a job after they leave prison. To what extent do you agree?
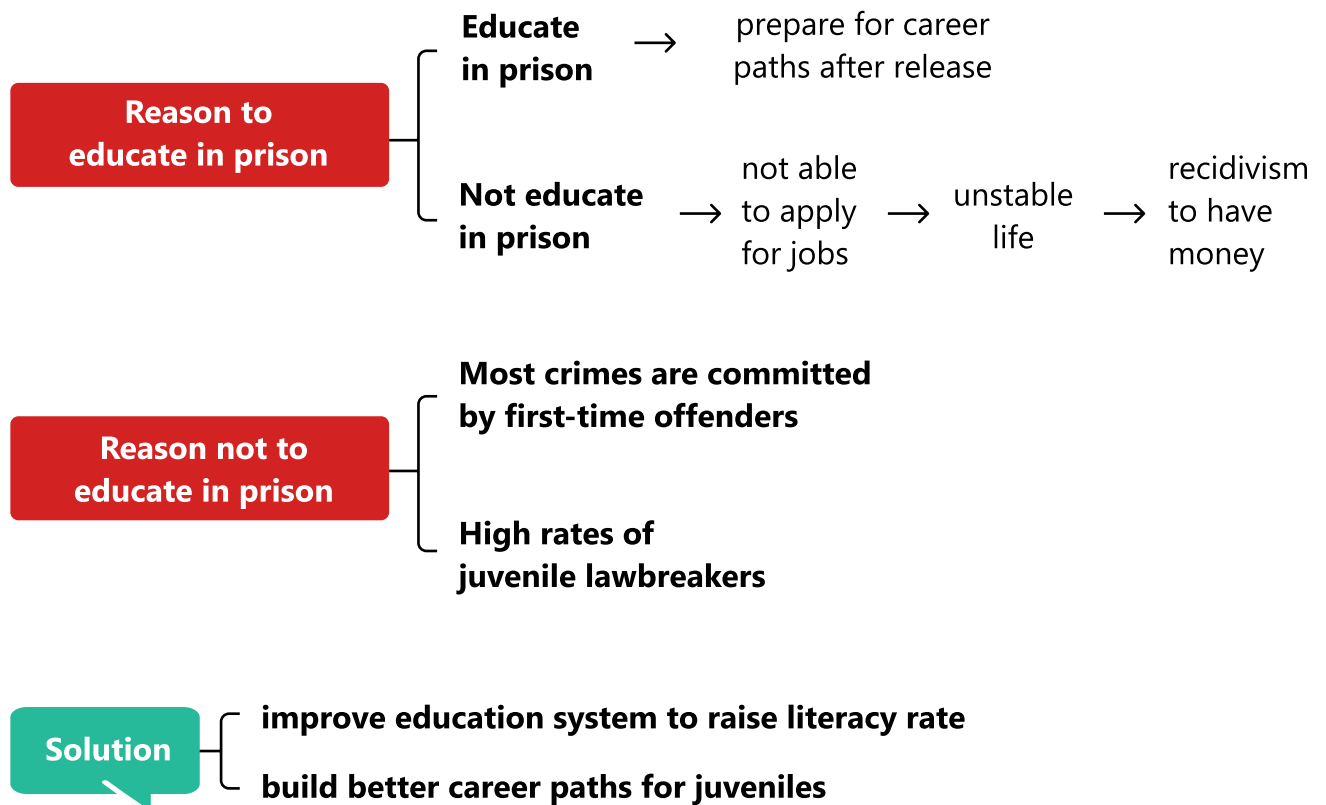
Reports have shown that most criminals are uneducated. This leads to a belief that the key to crime reduction is to educate criminals in prison and prepare them career-wise for when they leave. Although I think this is a good idea, I cannot agree that this is the best solution.

It cannot be argued that this is an excellent idea. Multiple reports have shown that the number of recidivism cases is increasing. Most of these crimes stem from ex-prisoners not being able to have stable lives after their releases, leading to recidivism to afford living needs. The reason for this is because most criminals are not educated properly, so they are not able to apply for jobs, making them opt for recommitting crimes. This means that educating them and preparing their career paths are definitely ways to reduce the number of crimes committed by ex-criminals.

However, I disagree that this is the best solution to reduce crime rates. As I have mentioned above, educating offenders can only reduce the rate of recidivism. Nowadays, most crimes are committed by first-time offenders, with a high rate of juvenile lawbreakers. Only taking actions on inmates is not enough. This is why I think that educating criminals is not the key solution to crime rates reduction. Rather than doing so, I believe improving the education system to improve the rate of literacy and motivation on building better career paths for juveniles would be the key.

In conclusion, educating people, especially criminals, is always a good thing to do. However, I still maintain that this is not the best way to reduce crimes. I think that raising the education levels of the whole population is the better solution.

Vocabulary Flow

Reason to educate in prison

Educate in prison → prepare for career paths after release

Not educate in prison → not able to apply for jobs → unstable life → recidivism to have money

Reason not to educate in prison

Most crimes are committed by first-time offenders

High rates of juvenile lawbreakers

Solution

improve education system to raise literacy rate

build better career paths for juveniles

Writing Task 2

AGREE
DISAGREE

Question 40:
Many employers think that social skills are as important as good qualifications when employing people. To what extent do you agree that social skills are as important as good qualifications for success in the job?
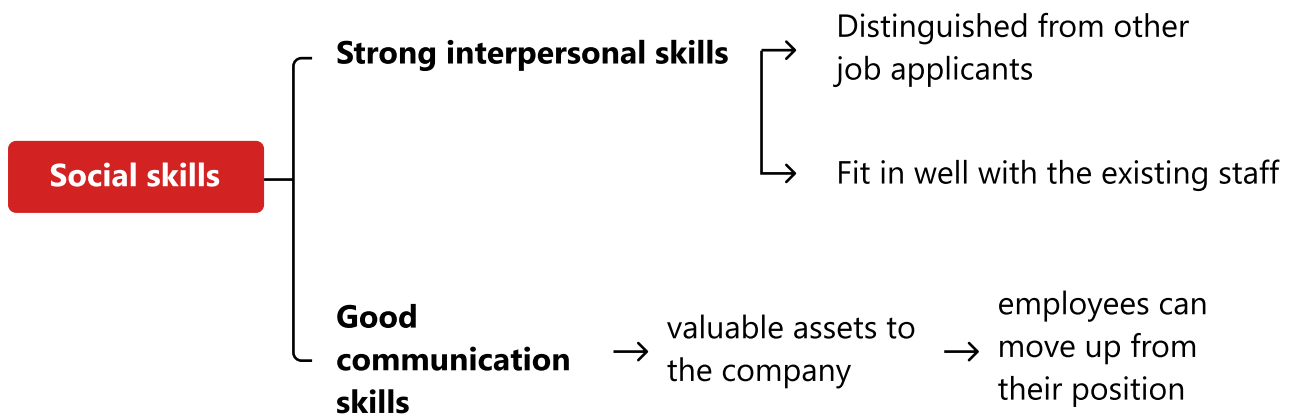
Social skills are being valued more and more nowadays. This leads to a fact that many employers think that an applicant with social skills is as desirable as an applicant with good qualifications. In my beliefs, I agree that social skills are on par with qualifications.

It cannot be denied that in current times, employers value applicants who possess strong social skills. This is because, with the increasing number of college graduates, the only thing to distinguish job applicants with each other is to assess them by their interpersonal skills. Good social skills can be crucial to the company. It ensures that the newly-hired employee can fit in well with the existing staff. Also, it would be a valuable asset to the company if the employee has good communications skills as these are one of the key factors to move up in their position to managerial positions.

However, that is not to say that social skills are better than good qualifications in hiring a person. Employers still require their applicants to possess strong technical or job-related skills, which can be reflected through their qualifications, such as transcripts, degrees, or letter of recommendations. No matter how good the interpersonal skills an applicant has if he or she does not have the technical skills required in the job description, then his or her application is should not be considered in the hiring process.

In conclusion, although I understand why many employers still rely heavily on qualifications rather than soft skills, I still believe that soft skills are what distinguish a normal employee and a great employee who can become a valuable asset to the company.

Vocabulary Flow

Social skills ⎯⎯ **Strong interpersonal skills** → Distinguished from other job applicants

→ Fit in well with the existing staff

Good communication skills → valuable assets to the company → employees can move up from their position

Good qualifications = strong technical & job-related skills in transcripts, degrees, letter of recommendation

Writing Task 2

Question 41:
Some people think the qualities a person needs to become successful in today's world cannot be learned at a university or similar academic institutions. To what extent do you agree or disagree.
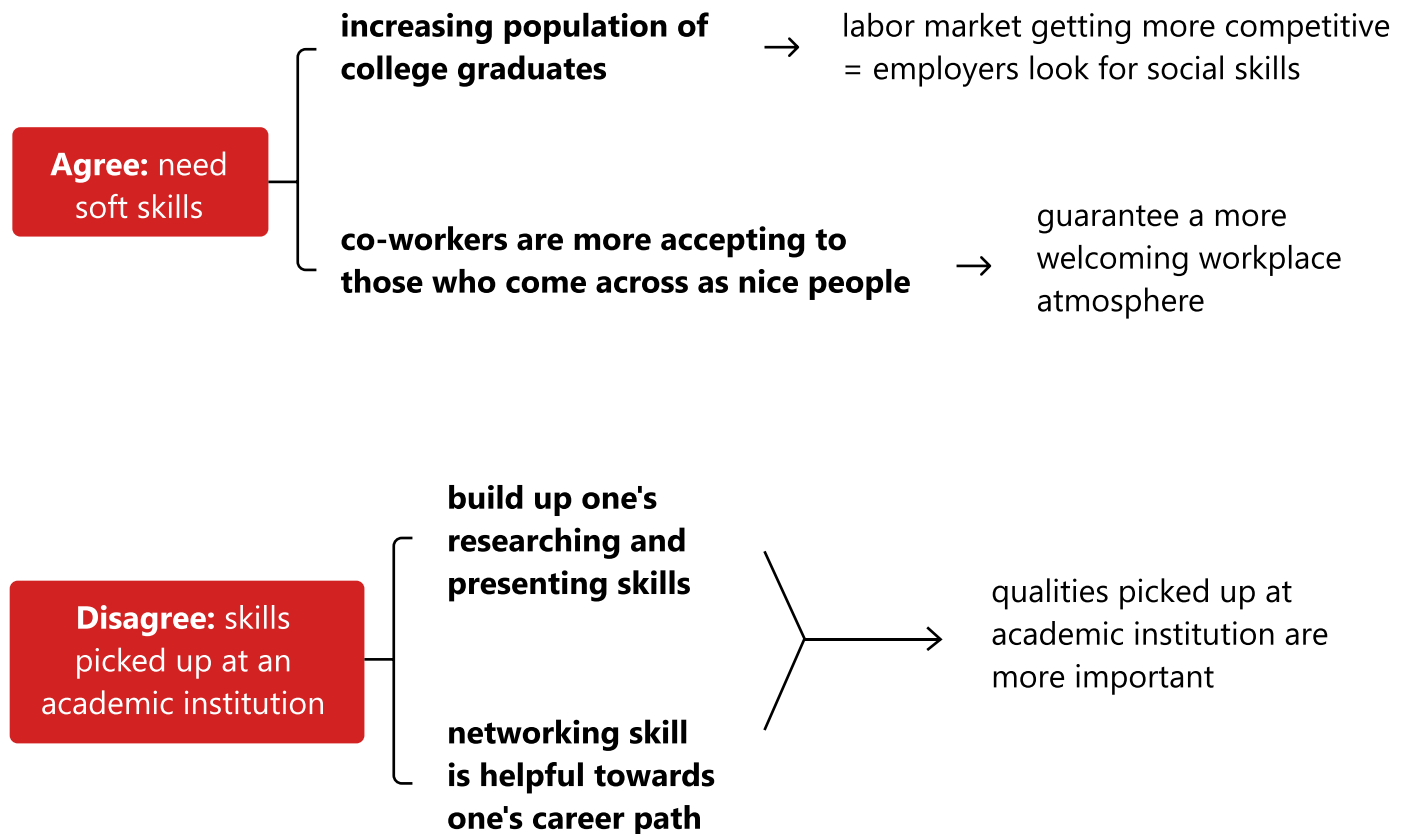
Nowadays, people are recognizing the values of soft skills. This brings up an opinion that the factors which makes a person successful in current society cannot be acquired in an academic institution. In my opinion, I only agree with this statement to some extent.

I agree that, in order to be successful, a person needs more than just the lessons learned from academic institutions. With the increasing population of college graduates, the labor market is getting more competitive than ever. This means that the differences for employers to decide whether to hire a person or not depends on the soft skills that a person brings to the job. Additionally, good social skills would definitely guarantee a more welcoming workplace atmosphere, as co-workers would be more accepting to those who come off as nice and social.

However, I still believe that the qualities one picks up at academic institutions are still the more important part of the hiring process. Aside from technical and work-related skills, one can still pick up many skills from college. It leaves no debate that there is no better place to build up one's researching and presenting skills than in the college setting. Additionally, the networking skill is something that once one acquires, it would be helpful towards one's career path.

In conclusion, I believe the knowledge and skills that academic institutions provide to people are still of vital importance. However, in order to distinguish oneself with others in current society, ones need to build up their soft skills.

Vocabulary Flow

Agree: need soft skills

increasing population of college graduates → labor market getting more competitive = employers look for social skills

co-workers are more accepting to those who come across as nice people → guarantee a more welcoming workplace atmosphere

Disagree: skills picked up at an academic institution

build up one's researching and presenting skills

networking skill is helpful towards one's career path

→ qualities picked up at academic institution are more important

Writing Task 2

Question 42:
Some people think that schools should select their pupils according to their academic ability. Others believe that young people with different abilities should be educated together. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

There have been many changes in the way classes are divided currently. Some people think that students who have the same academic performance should be grouped together, while others believe that students of all levels should mingle together. I think that the first method is only true for high schools and colleges.
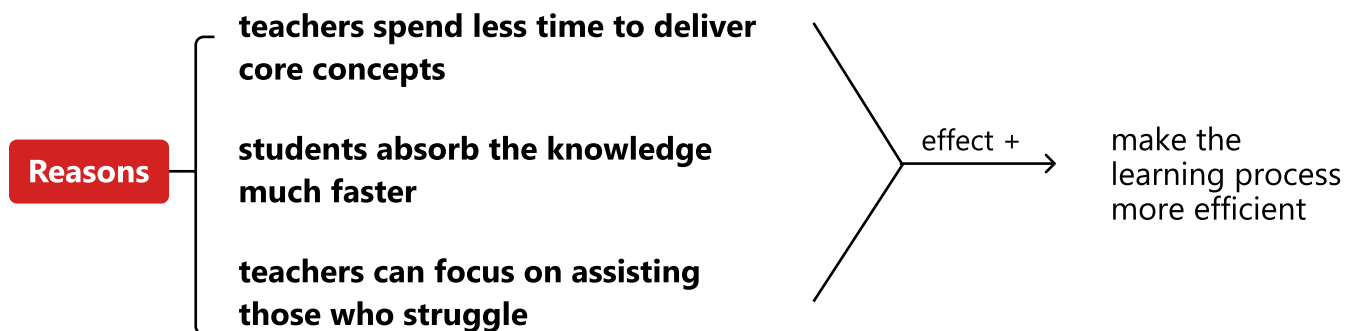
People have reasons to not want children of different academic abilities to learn in the same setting, especially in high schools and colleges. Firstly, grouping students with the same capability would make the learning process more efficient. Teachers would have to spend less time to deliver the core concepts to students, and vice versa, students would absorb the knowledge much faster. Secondly, grouping students with the same academic performance would actually be beneficial to those who require more help in understanding the material. Teachers can focus on assisting those who struggle without being pressured to increase the pace for the ones who already understand.

However, I think that in elementary and middle schools, children should be grouped together regardless of their intellectual abilities. This would guarantee better child development, especially personality-wise. By making children mingle with those from different learning abilities, children would not be aware of this difference. This will make the child become humble and accepting, which are core values of humans. Also, this method of grouping is better because it promotes more in-class discussion between children who need more help and children who are better at the materials. By letting the ones who understand explain concepts to the ones who do not, the classroom's atmosphere will be more interactive.
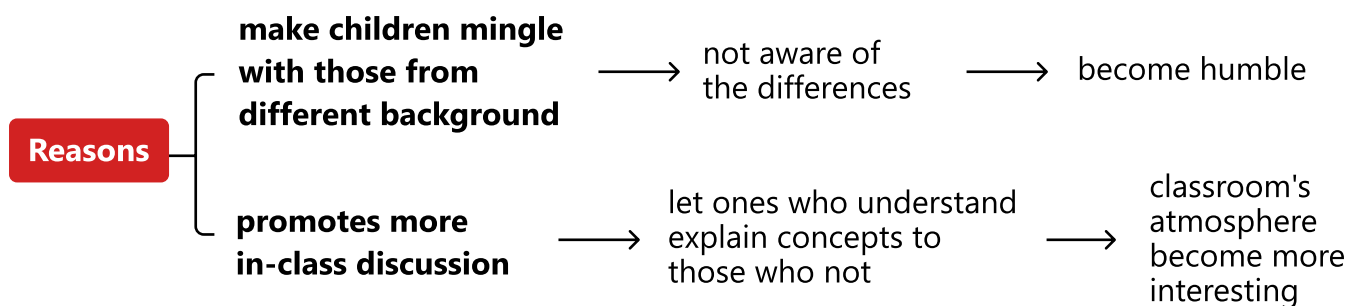
In conclusion, both methods of division have their own benefits and downsides. I believe that grouping students based on academic abilities should be used for high school and college students, while primary and middle school kids should be grouped randomly.

Vocabulary Flow

Select pupils according to their academic ability ⟶ **high school & college students**

Reasons

teachers spend less time to deliver core concepts

students absorb the knowledge much faster

teachers can focus on assisting those who struggle

effect + ⟶ make the learning process more efficient

Pupils grouped together regardless of capabilities (heterogeneous groups) ⟶ **elementary and middle school pupils**

Reasons

make children mingle with those from different background ⟶ not aware of the differences ⟶ become humble

promotes more in-class discussion ⟶ let ones who understand explain concepts to those who not ⟶ classroom's atmosphere become more interesting

Writing Task 2

Question 43:
Many young people like pop stars and international movie stars rather than famous people in the history of their country. Why does this happen and what measures do you think should be taken to solve this problem.
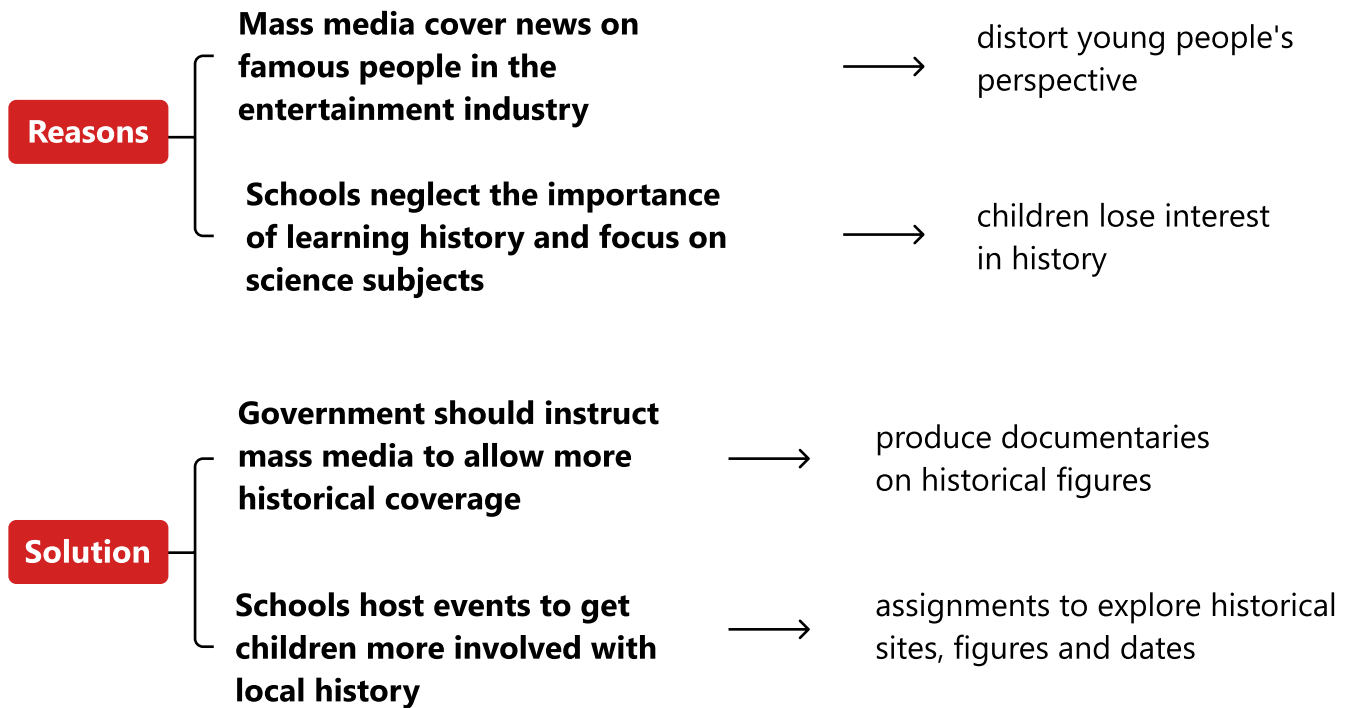
It is easily seen that teenagers and young adults are only interested in people in the entertainment industry, rather than historical figures. There are many reasons for this and I think there are propable solutions to alleviate this problem.

Although there are many reasons for this phenomenon, mass media should be main culprit. Many sources of information, with the target audience to be young people, only cover news on famous people in the entertainment industry, like music and movie stars. This will distort the perspective of young people, making them misunderstand that the most important thing in society is the lives of those celebrities. Secondly, schools often neglect the importance of learning history, especially local history. Rather, they focus more on natural science subjects. As a result, children will not have any interests in history.

However, there are many solutions to this phenomenon. Firstly, the government should instruct mass media to allow more news coverage to important historical figures and dates. For example, mass media can produce documentaries and exhibitions on important historical figures. These resources should be made interesting to children, encouraging them to explore more on their local history. Secondly, schools should focus more on history and host more events targeted to help students exposed to local history. For example, students can have assignments to explore historical sites, figures, and dates.

In conclusion, I think the main reason for young people to be more interested in entertainment figures is due to social media. However, many efforts from both mass media and schools can be made to alleviate this problem.

Vocabulary Flow

Reasons

Mass media cover news on famous people in the entertainment industry $\longrightarrow$ distort young people's perspective

Schools neglect the importance of learning history and focus on science subjects $\longrightarrow$ children lose interest in history

Solution

Government should instruct mass media to allow more historical coverage $\longrightarrow$ produce documentaries on historical figures

Schools host events to get children more involved with local history $\longrightarrow$ assignments to explore historical sites, figures and dates

Writing Task 2

Question 44:
In some cities, there are few controls over the design and construction of new homes and office buildings, so people can build in whatever style they like. Do you think advantages outweigh disadvantages?
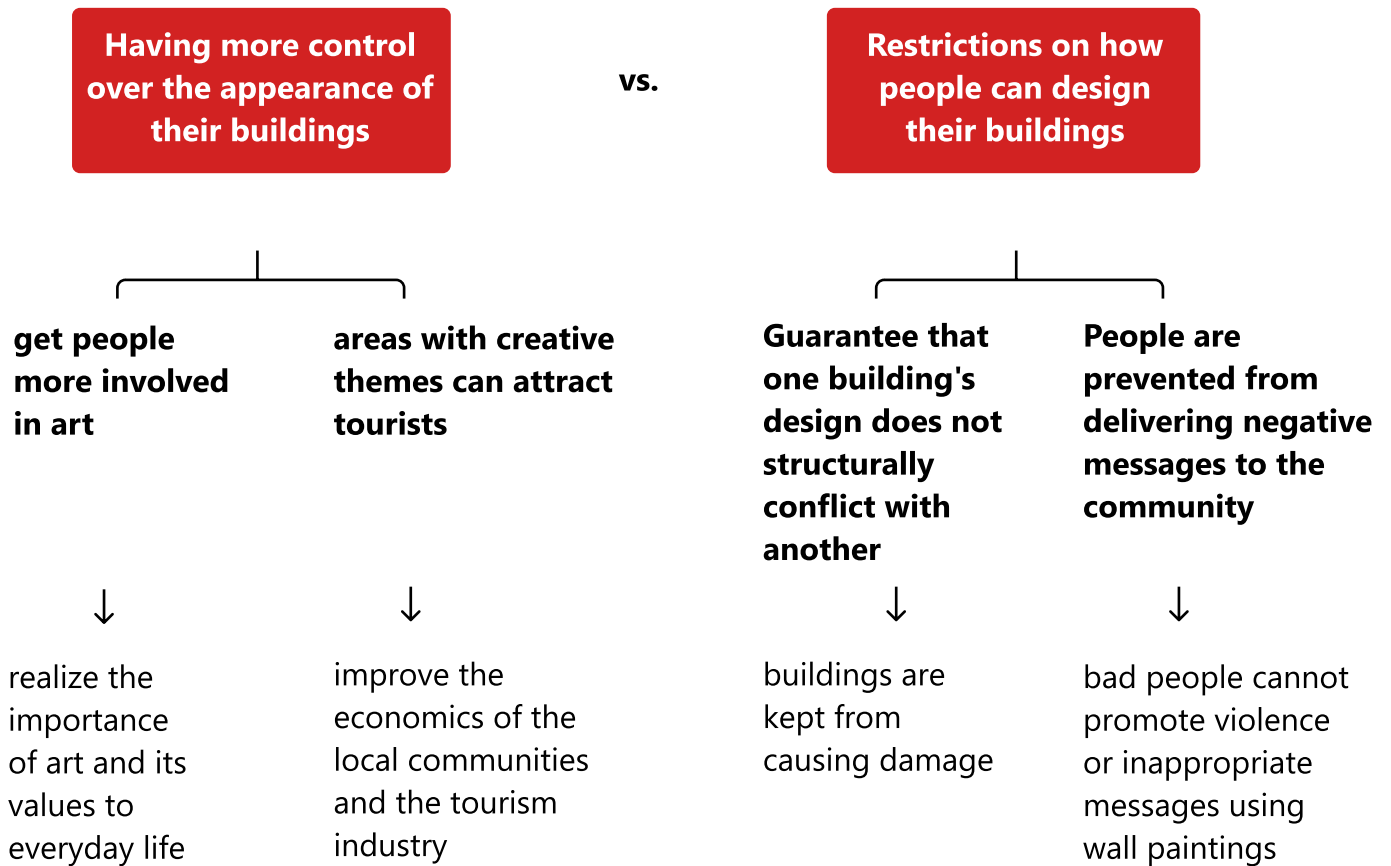
Nowadays, more and more freedom is given to individuals to design buildings however they desire. Although this brings many benefits to society, I believe that in the long run, this development will yield consequences.

On the one hand, giving people more control over the design of their buildings will foster people's appreciation for art. By letting people contribute to the construction of new buildings, people creative side is involved. Secondly, areas with creative themes in decorating their neighborhoods can attract tourists. This will improve both the economies of the community in these areas and the tourism industry of the country as a whole.

On the other hand, the lack of restrictions on how people can design their buildings can be detrimental for urban planning. Firstly, if there is no control on the design, there is virtually no way of guaranteeing that one's building design does not conflict structurally with another's. One result of this, for example, is that both buildings can collapse and damage others nearby. Secondly, if people are given too much freedom on this issue, they can abuse it to deliver negative messages to the community. For example, one can totally design one's building in the shape of inappropriate images or have one's walls painted with comics promoting violence, as seen in many street arts around the world. If not done right, this can leave many negative influences on society.

In conclusion, having more freedom in designing one's own buildings is advantageous. However, I believe if not done right, the disadvantages will outweigh the advantages.

Vocabulary Flow

Having more control over the appearance of their buildings	vs.	**Restrictions on how people can design their buildings**

get people more involved in art

areas with creative themes can attract tourists

Guarantee that one building's design does not structurally conflict with another

People are prevented from delivering negative messages to the community

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realize the importance of art and its values to everyday life

improve the economics of the local communities and the tourism industry

buildings are kept from causing damage

bad people cannot promote violence or inappropriate messages using wall paintings

Writing Task 2

Question 45:
Some people think that money spent on developing technology on space exploration is not justified, they think there are more appropriate fields or industries to invest on. Do you agree or disagree?

Nowadays, with the advancement of technology, space exploration is gaining more attention than ever. However, this stirs up some controversies since, while some people think that the humongous amount of money spent on this is ridiculous, others think that it is justifiable. I believe that this amount of money is used for a good cause.

I can understand why people think the amount of money spent on developing technology is a waste. First off, this does not bring any immediate benefits to society. Currently, there are many other issues that the government can focus on such as improving the living standards or the quality of the environment. The researches on space exploration do not help immediately. Secondly, even if these researches brings any results, not many people will benefit from it. Any gain related to space exploration will only be limited to the rich since space exploration takes up a lot of money.

However, like any scientific researches, space exploration research is a necessity for human development. As natural resources on Earth are depleting, the need for another source is alarming. Many natural resources are expected to be found in planets similar to Earth. If we can find a way to find "the new Earth", the future of humankind will be secured. Furthermore, this space exploration research process will benefit greatly to countries involved if results are found. Take the U.S for example, this country's economy will be greatly improved if space exploration brings any results.

In conclusion, although I understand why some people think that the money spent on researching space exploration is a waste, I still believe that this money is used for a good cause and is needed in the development of humankind.

Vocabulary Flow

Đến đây mình hơi lười tẹo. Các bạn thử tự điền xem có nắm cách làm chưa nhen.

▬ Linear Thinking và hơn thế nữa...

Kỳ thật những gì thể hiện trong cuốn sách này chỉ là một phần nhỏ của Tư Duy Tuyến Tính - Linear Thinking. Và Linear Thinking cũng chỉ là một phần của mô hình học Blended Smart Learning mà DOL sắp ra mắt vào tháng 6 tới đây.

▬ Tại sao có Blended Smart Learning?

Có một câu hỏi DOL luôn trăn trở: Làm sao để nhân rộng lớp học đến nhiều học sinh mà vẫn giữ được chất lượng và cá nhân hoá quá trình học cho từng học sinh chứ không chỉ dạy "đại trà". Như vậy nếu chỉ có phương pháp học khác biệt là chưa đủ, mà cần một Mô hình học với sự kết hợp của nhiều yếu tố. Chính vì vậy DOL cho ra đời Mô hình Blended Smart Learning.

Cụ thể, **Blended** nghĩa là sự kết hợp giữa Offline + Online, và giữa Mass + Personalized:

OFFLINE ➕	ONLINE
MASS — Lớp học offline ứng dụng Linear Thinking	Hệ thống 5 ứng dụng cho 5 kỹ năng: Nghe Nói Đọc Viết & Từ vựng
PERSONALIZED — Hẹn lịch qua hệ thống để học 1-1 với giáo viên	Sử dụng Trí Tuệ Nhân Tạo (AI) để cá nhân hoá bài học trên ứng dụng

Mô hình này **Smart** ở chỗ:

① Phương pháp Toán

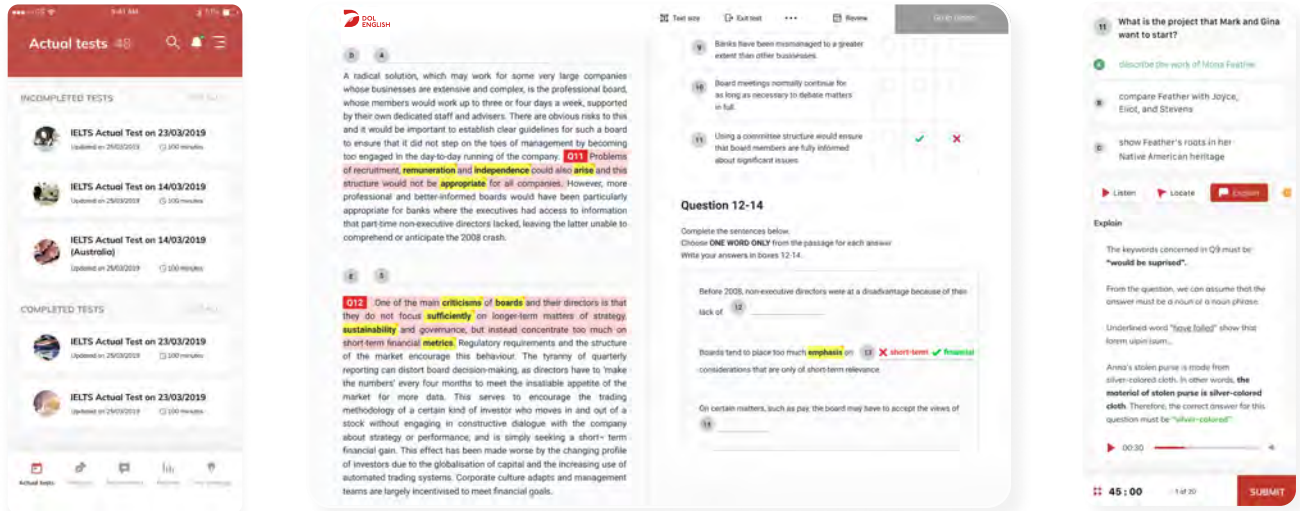Sử dụng phương pháp Linear Thinking - ứng dụng tư duy Toán học vào việc học Tiếng Anh

② Trí Tuệ Nhân Tạo

Tích hợp Trí Tuệ Nhân Tạo với 3 công nghệ:
- Recommendation Technology (Thuật Toán Đề Xuất)
- Predictive Analytics (Phân Tích Dự Báo)
- Speech Recognition (Nhận Diện Giọng Nói)

Nghĩa qua 5 ứng dụng nhà DOL

① Online test

Các bạn được luyện tập với đề thi thực được cập nhật liên tục, và nhận kết quả đi kèm với giải thích chi tiết bằng chữ và audio. Công nghệ Recommendation Technology theo dõi kết quả làm bài để tổng hợp bộ đề dành riêng cho bạn dựa trên các dạng câu hỏi và chủ đề bạn hay sai.

② Vocabulary Builder

Bên cạnh các bộ từ vựng theo chủ đề, ứng dụng này thông minh ở chỗ nó liên kết với Online Tests ở trên, sử dụng công nghệ Predictive Analytics để phân tích các câu trả lời sai và dự đoán các từ vựng mà bạn không biết. Từ đó ứng dụng này xây dựng bộ từ vựng cho riêng bạn.

Ngoài chế độ học, DOL Voca còn có chế độ Quiz, Game, Revision để tăng cường khả năng phản xạ và nhớ từ.
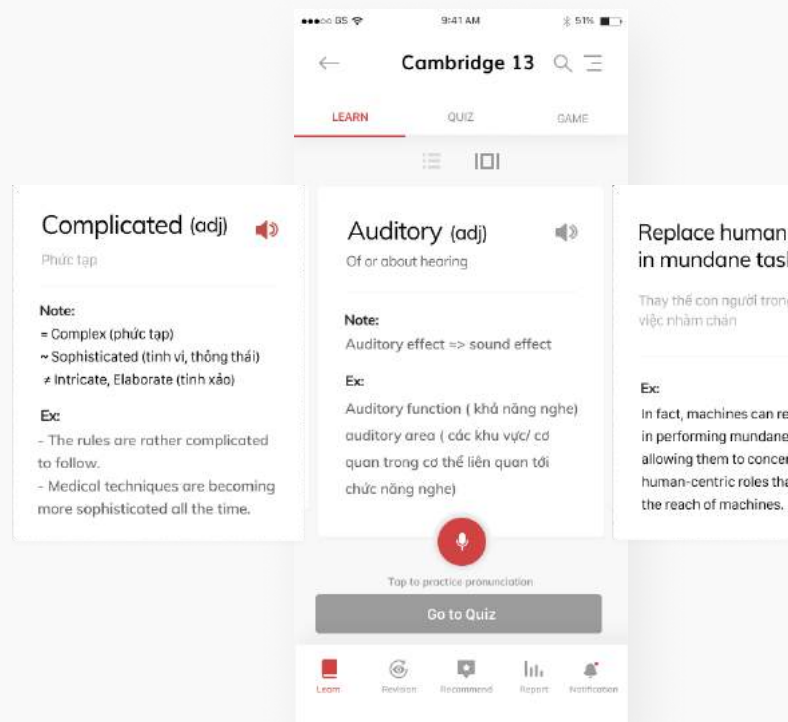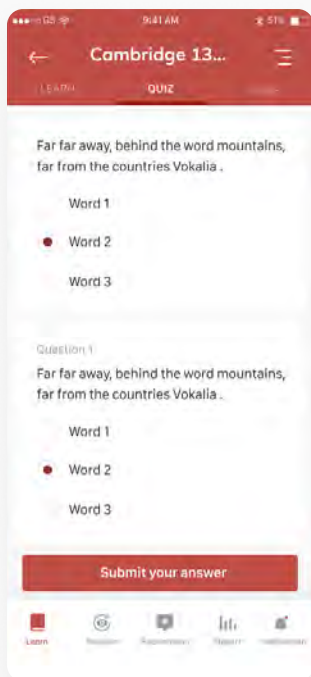
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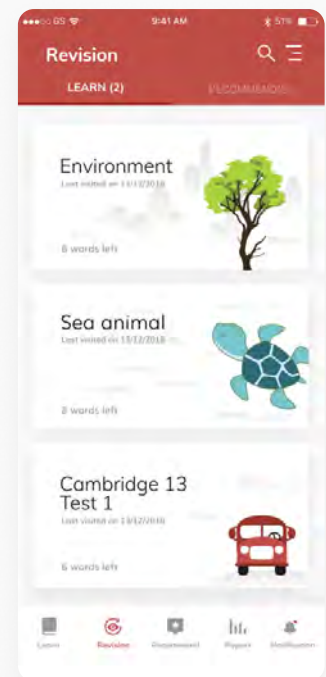
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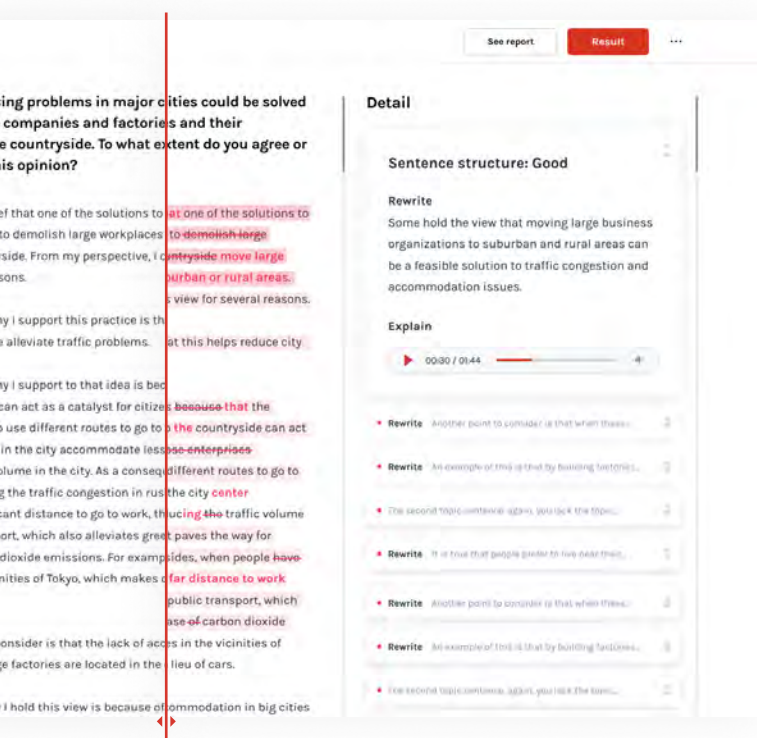
❸ Essay corrections

Thông thường bài essay của bạn chỉ được sửa lỗi ngữ pháp và từ vựng, nhưng sửa như vậy thường các bạn không nắm được bản chất vấn đề và lần sau vẫn sai như vậy. DOL tiếp cận việc sửa bài hoàn toàn khác.

Không chỉ sửa lỗi, DOL dựa trên ý của bạn để viết lại câu hay hơn, chuẩn và sử dụng ngôn ngữ tự nhiên hơn, đồng thời giải thích bằng chữ và audio để đảm bảo bạn hiểu được tư duy và nắm được cách diễn đạt đúng trong tiếng Anh.

④ Pronunciation checker

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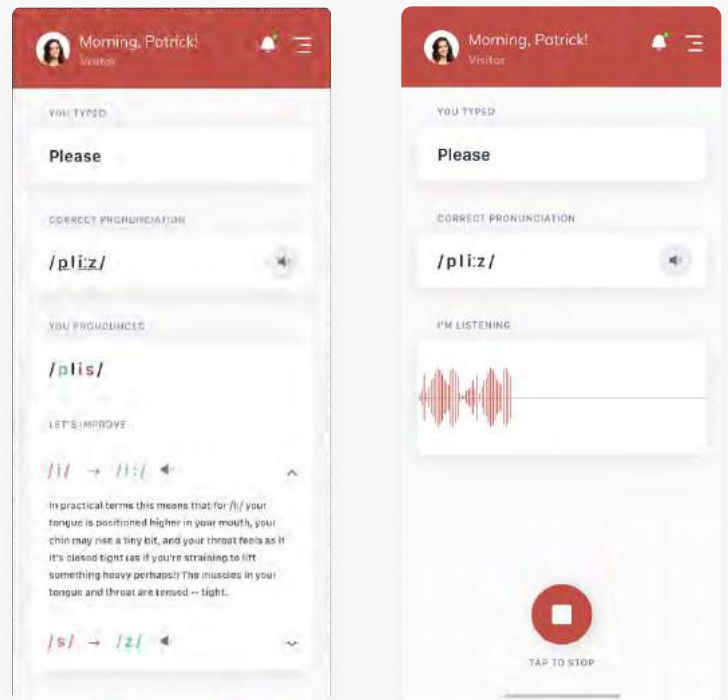
③ Learning management system (LMS)

Không chỉ là nơi theo dõi quá trình học và kết quả luyện tập từng kỹ năng trên 4 ứng dụng trên, DOL LMS còn là nơi nhanh chóng kết nối học viên với giáo viên và các bộ phận hỗ trợ học thuật. Thông qua hệ thống Booking, học viên có thể dễ dàng hẹn lịch học 1-1 với giáo viên, hoặc có thể nhắn tin ngoài giờ học để thảo luận về một vấn đề bạn chưa rõ.
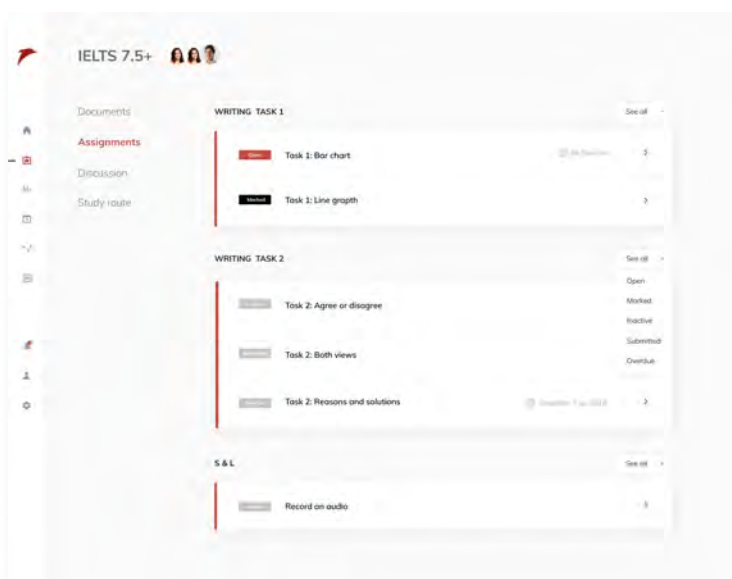
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Trung tâm và sách đẹp

Cùng với việc ra mắt mô hình Blended Smart Learning, DOL cũng dọn ra nhà mới tại đường Ba Tháng Hai và sẵn giới thiệu luôn bộ sách mà DOL mất một năm xây dựng. Phương châm của mình là không làm thì thôi, đã làm thì phải đỉnh. Các bạn "stay tuned" nhé! DOL nhá hàng vài hình ảnh nè.

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Còn đây là nhá hàng vài trang sách nè.

cross the usual racial, national or social barriers, they have also learned the very different ways people see life. This offers a great opportunity to become social and cultural bridges between worlds that traditionally would never connect. ATCK Mikel Jentzsch, author of a best-selling book in Germany, Bloodbrothers- Ourfriendship in Liberia, has a German passport but grew up in Niger and then Liberia. Before the Liberian civil war forced his family to leave, Mikel played daily with those who were later forced to become soldiers for that war. Through his eyes, the stories of those we would otherwise overlook come to life for the rest of us.

Understanding the TCK experience is also important for other reasons. Many ATCKs are now in positions of influence and power. Their capacity to often think 'outside the box' can offer new and creative thinking for doing business and living in our globalizing works. But that same thinking can create fear for those who see the world from a more traditional world view. Neither the non-ATCKs nor the ATCKs may recognise that there may be a cultural clash going on because, by traditional measures of diversity such as race or gender, they are alike.

In addition, many people hear the benefits and challenges of the TCK profile described and wonder why they relate to it when they never lived overseas because of a parent's career. Usually, however, they have grown up cross-culturally in another way, perhaps as children of immigrants, refugees, bi-racial or bi-cultural unions, international adoptees, even children of minorities. If we see the TCK experience as a Petri dish of sorts - a place where the effects of growing up among many cultural worlds accompanied by a high degree of mobility have been studied then we can look for what lessons may also be relevant to helping us understand issues other cross-cultural kids (CCKs) may also face. It is possible we may discover that we need to rethink our traditional ways of defining diversity and identity. For some, as for TCKs, 'culture' may be something defined by shared experience rather than shared nationality or ethnicity. In telling their stories and developing new models for our changing world, many will be able to recognize and use well the great gifts of a cross-cultural childhood and deal successfully with the challenges for their persona, communal and corporate good.

Student's Course Book

Đầu tháng 6, DOL chính thức về trung tâm mới bên Ba Tháng Hai, gần siêu thị Satra Mart nè, cũng sang chảnh lắm á...

Bạn nào rảnh chạy qua nghía cái nha. Chào các bạn, hẹn gặp lại các bạn!