

Long-writing Tasks

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Task: Write a **newspaper article** based on the **headline and picture** on the next page.

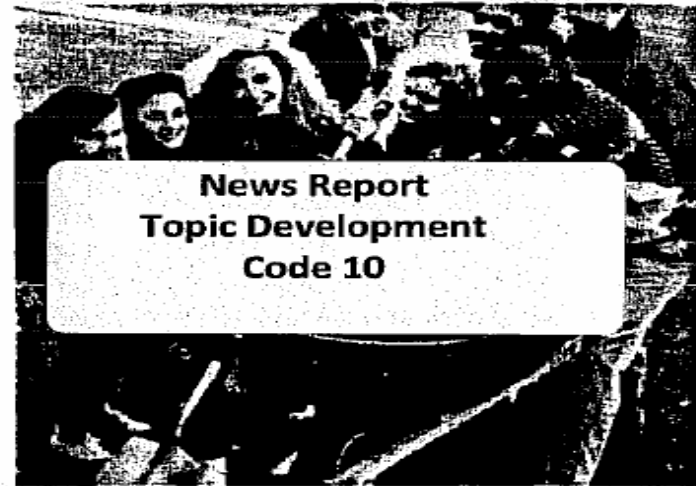
- You will have to **make up realistic facts and information**, answering some or all of the following questions:
Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- You must **relate your newspaper report to both the headline and the picture**.

Purpose and Audience: **Write in the 3rd person and past tense** as if you were a reporter.

Length: The lined space provided for your written work **indicates the approximate length** of the writing expected.

Student volunteers improve school grounds (Poor Answer)

Student volunteers that improve school grounds care about the place they live in. Student volunteers who improve the school grounds want the place they live in healthy to the environment. In this picture are students in the spring planting trees. They realize that trees are a valuable resource to man and the environment. Students want you to keep the environment healthy. You ask how? You can keep the environment healthy by recycling, composting, and picking up garbage in your community. Together we can make a difference.



News Report
Topic Development
Code 10

The response is related to headline but is not a news report. It is an editorial expressing an opinion.

Student volunteers improve school grounds

(Best Answer Code 60)

Last week, students at **name of school** Secondary school collaborated with the environmental club to improve the school grounds by planting trees, making a garden, and picking up litter.

"Not only do trees benefit our environment," says student volunteer Jessi **name** "but they also improve the visual quality of our school." Indeed, the area high school does look rejuvenated, alike the sense of community spirit. John's Nursery donated eight trees for this project, and Mary's Garden Supply donated soil and flower seeds.

"I was surprised to have so many donations and student volunteers," says environmental club leader Sam **name**, "It's amazing to know we have this community support and a keen sense of environmental awareness."

The benefits of this project do not end at environmentally friendly. The school also had a fundraiser, where every student would bring in a dollar for every tree planted. The funds raised are to go towards the environmental rehabilitation of old quarries in Ontario. Also, the aesthetic quality of the school will be enhanced for years to come. The formation of a new club, "The litter pickers", has also sprouted from this project's seed. It seems as if the benefits are endless. **name** SS principal, Mr. **name**, is extremely proud of his students, gushing, "If we can make a yearly event out of this, I'd be very supportive. The students have shown their concern for the community and the environment."



Strategies for the News Report

- Look closely at the headline and picture. Think of an event that relates to them.
- Make up **several realistic points and facts** for each of the following questions:
Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
I.e. Names, places, times, dates, results, impacts.....make up several points for each “W”
- Pretend you are writing for **a newspaper**, not for a radio or television station.
- Organize your article by using lots of **short paragraphs, starting with an overview of the topic** and then getting more **specific and detailed as you continue**.