

HOLIDAYS

Writing

- 1** Read the rubric and underline the key words, then answer the questions.

*Your teacher has asked you to write articles about the capital city of your country. Write your **article** about the city, describing what visitors can see and do there, as well as writing about the city's restaurants and nightlife. (120-180 words)*

- 1 What type of composition is this? Who is going to read this?
- 2 What style would you use for this article?
A very formal, factual and impersonal
B semi-formal, descriptive
- 3 Which should you *not* describe, and why?
A a pretty village **C** the main city
B a large town of a country
- 4 Which topics/points would you include in your composition? Put a tick (✓).
.... famous sights & tourist attractions
.... what it is like to live in the city
.... name of city, where it is
.... the city's history, population & climate
.... complete facts about various sights
.... the city's trains, buses & taxis
.... shopping areas & what to buy there
.... restaurants, bars and nightclubs
- 5 What tenses would you use? Why?

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TIP

When we write a descriptive article about a place, we can divide it into four paragraphs.

- In the **introduction** we mention the name and **location** of the place and the reason for choosing it.
- In the **second paragraph** we write about what a visitor can see and do (*sightseeing, museums, shopping, etc.*).
- In the **third paragraph** we write about **entertainment, nightlife and eating out** (*clubs, restaurants, etc.*).
- In the **conclusion** we make **general comments** and **recommend** the place to visitors.

We normally use **present tenses** in this type of writing.

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Read the rubric, then read the article and match the topic sentences (A-D) to the gaps (1-3) in the article. One of the sentences does not fit. What is the topic of each paragraph?

*A travel magazine has asked its readers for articles describing the perfect place for a weekend escape. Write an **article** about such a place, describing its attractions and saying why it is worth visiting.*