

HOLIDAYS

Writing

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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 of a country
B a large town
- 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.