

WRITE ON : How to write a newspaper article

Assignment: A new law has been voted by the French government to change the food served in schools. Write an article about it.



1 – Presentation

Don't forget to include all the different parts and elements you find in a newspaper article.

2- Speech style

You will use an appropriate style for a newspaper article = use "formal speech" and catchy expressions.

3- Plan and organisation

In your article you will certainly have to deal with some of the following ideas. Choose among the ones below and organize them in a logical order:

- Importance of a healthy diet for children.
- Opinion of students
- Content of the new law
- Interview with a nutritionist and / or a member of the educational staff.
- Advice to people on their eating habits and their ways of life.
- Statistics and figures about food.

4- Use what you know!

The structures that you will have to use are the ones below:

- Express advice.
- Make contrasts and comparisons
- Express opinion

5- Use your vocabulary!

Choose some words from the following list to improve the quality of your article. Feel free to add some of your own words.

• Health and Diet

nouns: Obesity – overweight – illness – coronary disease – diabetes – diet – meal – fat – calories – portion – carbs – General Practitioner – soft drinks...

adj: Healthy / unhealthy – obese – overweight – greasy – gross – fattening – unbalanced – organic – genetically modified...

verbs: To put on / lose weight – to cut down on – to digest...

• Law

a trial – a lawsuit...

to sue – to blame someone for – to take aim at...

• Junk food items

Vending machines – soda cans – fizzy drinks – hamburgers – hotdogs...