

# Writing tips & samples

## Useful ideas

### Module 1: family

#### **1-The importance of a family:**

- \* Healthy families are the backbone of a healthy society
- \* Families teach lessons, values, and principles
- \* Healthy family environment contributes to better academic performance.”
- \* Families ensure the children’s psychological equilibrium
- \* Families provide support in difficult times

#### **Ways to strengthen family bonds.**

- \* Eating meals together
- \* Being kind to one another
- \* Spending time together: watching Tv, playing games ...
- \* Communicating
- \* Travelling together

#### **Causes of generation gap:**

- Lack of understanding: this is due to social changes, different languages and the invasion of social media
- Parents often do not tolerate mistakes and tend to punish their children.
- Comparing children to each other or even to how you were as a child is another reason the gap becomes wide.
- Parents expect their children to be replicas of themselves.
- Due to busy daily life and stress, parents often find themselves too tired to spend enough time with their kids every day



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## **Ways to avoid generation gap:**

- 1) Communication plays an important role in bridging gaps between parents and children.
- 2) Open-mindedness means widening your horizons and looking at things with a new perspective. This helps to understand the children's priorities and habits.
- 3) Parents have to let their children voice their opinions and listen to what they are saying, without interrupting them.
- 4) Parents should be friends with their children
- 5) Love has a way of crossing boundaries and bringing people together.
- 6) Instead of forcing children into a particular way of thinking, parents should learn to compromise when possible.

## **How children should deal with their parents**

- 1) Children must listen and respond calmly when their parents say something upsetting
- 2) Children must obey all of your parents' rules in order to help build trust
- 3) Children should explain how they feel to help their parents understand them
- 4) After a fight, children should go to their room or go for a walk-in order to think about what happened and release any negative emotions

## **How parents should deal with their children**

- 1) Children watch very carefully everything their parents do therefore parents should be a good role model
- 2) Parents should boost their children's self-esteem by praising them wisely, focusing on their strengths and avoiding belittling
- 3) It's extremely rewarding for parents to schedule together time with their kids
- 4) Parents should be a safe haven for their children by being sensitive to their needs
- 5) Parents should love their children unconditionally and water their offspring's lives with affection as a nourishment



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## Module 2: philanthropy

### Ways to raise money:

- **Car boot sale:** an event in a public place where people sell their unwanted possessions, often from the backs of their cars.
- **T-shirt fundraising:** selling customized clothes
- **Benefit concert:** a show that is held for a charitable purpose
- **Run a raffle:** an activity in which people buy tickets with different numbers, some of which are later chosen to win prizes, that is organized to make money for a good social purpose
- **Charity auction:** a usually public sale of goods or property, where people make higher and higher bids (= offers of money) for each thing, until the thing is sold to the person who will pay most

### The importance of volunteerism:

- Volunteering is a great way to establish new relationships and strengthen the bonds with your community
- Volunteering can help you learn new skills, gain experience and even qualifications.
- Volunteering can help you gain confidence by giving you the chance to try something new and build a real sense of achievement.
- volunteering can lead to the release of endorphins which increases feelings of pleasure and well-being and reduces pain and discomfort.
- volunteering can have a real and valuable positive effect on people, communities, and society in general.

### The benefits of tolerance:

- Tolerance allows people of different backgrounds, religions, and races to work and live together, and this breeds unity
- In a tolerant country, every citizen remains loyal to his country and is willing to make sacrifices for the sake of the country.



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- Being able to accept one another's differences can have positive effect on one's wellbeing.
- Being tolerant removes one's self-imposed barriers and allows one to think more broadly and enjoy greater inner peace.

### **The disadvantages of intolerance:**

- Intolerance breeds hatred, hatred leads to distrust, distrust causes disunity.
- Where there is discrimination, there cannot be peace. Intolerance leads to infighting, violence and instability as different groups resort to force and aggression against each other or the state.
- Discrimination makes miserable lives for not just those discriminated against, but everyone in the society
- If, in a nation, instead of acceptance there is discrimination, that nation cannot flourish

### **How to write a speech:**

#### **Introduction:**

- Greeting and welcoming the audience  
Ladies and gentlemen  
Honourable guests  
I am honoured.  
It is my pleasure.
- introducing yourself  
I am ....  
My name is ....  
I'm a volunteer with (organization).
- Catching your audience's attention (a question, an anecdote, a quote, statistics, ...)  
As the proverb goes  
I quote ...  
... once said.  
Figures show/prove that ...



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- thesis statement: (you state the scope of your speech)
  - 'm going to speak about
  - I am here to shed light on
  - It's more than evident / no one can deny / it's undeniable / we shall admit / studies have proved that/ Undeniably/ Undoubtedly/ Unquestionably, Without doubt/ Without a shadow of a doubt/ There's not a single doubt/ incontrovertibly...

### Main points:

- 1) first supporting argument
- 2) Second supporting argument
- 3) third supporting argument

### Linkers:

To start with / Starting with / To begin with /  
Firstly / Initially

### Addition

- Moreover / Furthermore / In addition / Besides / What's more.
- As well as / In addition to

### Exemplification

- For example, / For instance / such as

### Conclusion:

Restating your thesis statement and  
thanking the audience

Summary:

in brief, on the whole, in sum, to sum up, thus,  
in conclusion, all in all, in a nutshell.



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## Thanking:

Thank you for your attention.

## Guided Writing:

Use the notes below to develop a 5 to 6-line paragraph about "Save the Children India".

- Non-profit organization / create / the late 1988. Mrs. Vipula Kadri /
- Enrich / lives of children / women from poor backgrounds
- key Mission: nurture / educate / guide / helpless children / so that / able to develop into strong / productive citizens / work to build / bright future for self / country.
- Achievement: help / over 200,000 beneficiaries / in the areas / education, health / anti-human trafficking.

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## Free Writing:

In an online forum dealing with the issue of building successful societies. One of the participants said: «a family is the first essential cell of human society, If you learn to give, share and care within your family you will do the same in your society. «Do you agree with him? Express your opinion and support it with sound arguments.

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