10. An Article

Handout:

1. What kind of text is it? Where can you find articles?
2. Questions I:

*What is the title of the article?*

*What is the main topic of the article?*

*What kind of article is it?*

1. What are the points to be considered?
2. Structure of an article:
3. What are the useful tips when writing the article?
4. Questions II:

*What is the text about?*

*What is the organisation structure of the article?*

*Are there any facts mentioned?*

*How is the text ended?*

**References and Bibliography:**

Hornby A. S., Oxford Advanced Learner´s Dictionary 8th edition, OUP, 2010

Team of authors (Gryca, Sosnowska…), Exam Excellence, OUP, 2006Exam Excellence, team of authors, OUP

**Useful links:**

<http://www.economist.com/culture>

<http://www.economist.com/news/science-and-technology/21579795-hands-free-texting-more-distracting-drivers-using-mobile-phone-keep>

<http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/editorials-for-students/dear-grads-dont-do-what-you-love/>

**Answer key:**

1. “Article is a piece of writing about a particular subject in a newspaper or magazine…“ (Hornby A. S., Oxford Advanced Learner´s Dictionary 8th edition, OUP, 2010)
2. Questions I:

Title: *Dear Grads, Don’t ‘Do What You Love’*

The main idea: *Graduates are advised to try to do what they love but that turns out not very useful.*

Type of article: *It expresses opinion; it might be compared to a discursive essay.*

[*http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/editorials-for-students/dear-grads-dont-do-what-you-love*](http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/editorials-for-students/dear-grads-dont-do-what-you-love/)

1. What are the points to be considered?

*Topic*

*Purpose of your writing*

*Audience*

*Gathering of ideas, notes*

*Planning*

*Language*

1. Structure of an article:

* Headline (*brief but attractive, related to the topic*)
* Introduction/Lead-in (*some interesting information,* g*eneral statement)*
* Body of the text (*information in detail, individual points are presented in separate paragraphs*)
* Conclusion/Your opinion (*summary of information, future perspective, evaluation*)

1. What are the useful tips when writing the article?

* *Include examples for illustration of your points*
* *Include facts to gain credibility*
* *Use linking words to make sentences and paragraphs connected*
* *Work with formal or semi-formal expressions*
* *Use indirect speech, passive forms and different tenses when relevant*

1. Questions II:

The main idea of the text: *Hands-free texting is more distracting to drivers than using a mobile phone.*

The structure: *Title, Introduction (including the topic sentence), 6 paragraphs with arguments why texting is harmful; conclusion - opinion*

Facts: *David Strayer’s research that proves that hands-free texting is more distracting to drivers than using a mobile phone.*

The end of the text: *Summary of the facts and opinion – “...Those who think that hands-free texting is low on the list of potential driving hazards might therefore wish to think again...”*

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