

Gifted Education School Network 2022/23
KLA/ Cluster: English Language (Secondary)
Lesson Design

Appendix A

Evidence creation in writing – revision

Read the following paragraph and identify the following features:

1. Topic sentence
2. Organization Name
3. Verbs similar to 'show'
4. Sample size
5. Sub-categories
6. Link back to the topic sentence

Question:

Explain whether you think the online world is safe for teenagers nowadays.

A) Survey

The digital world is definitely not safe for teenagers today. A recent survey conducted by the Hong Kong Online Youth Association revealed that many teenagers do not feel safe online. Of the 1100 people interviewed, only 23% felt safe on the internet, with another 2% being unsure. Of the 75% who did not feel safe, a staggering 55% voiced that they 'always' felt unsafe, with the remaining 20% 'often' feeling insecure. This depicts the seriousness of this issue and proves that the online world is dangerous for teenagers today.

Read the following paragraph and identify the following features:

1. Topic sentence
2. Expert name
3. Expert organization
4. Elaboration and examples of the expert's opinion
5. Analysis of the expert's opinion
6. Restating the topic sentence idea

Question:

Explain whether you think the online world is safe for teenagers nowadays, and list out reasons to support your view.

B) Expert's opinion

One major reason supporting my stance is the emergence of online harassment. According to Chris Wong, President of the Hong Kong Online Youth Association, many young teenagers nowadays are being approached by some 'strange uncles' and 'pretties', and have asked for the organization's help. He stated that these 'strange uncles' are suspicious men who try to connect with young girls for sex or private photos, while the 'pretties' may be fake accounts asking for young boys to pay money online. He came across an example of a young girl seeking help, in which the stranger said he would pay the girl \$1,000 to be his friend. She blocked him on Instagram but there were other strangers on Facebook, WhatsApp asking her to be their girlfriend. The above examples from Wong have shown that social media have caused a major threat to online safety, and teenagers could easily fall into online scams if they are not careful enough. Online abuse by strangers is one reason that the online world is unsafe nowadays.