

Work with a Model

1 Read the task below and answer the questions that follow.

You see this post on an English-language website for teenagers.

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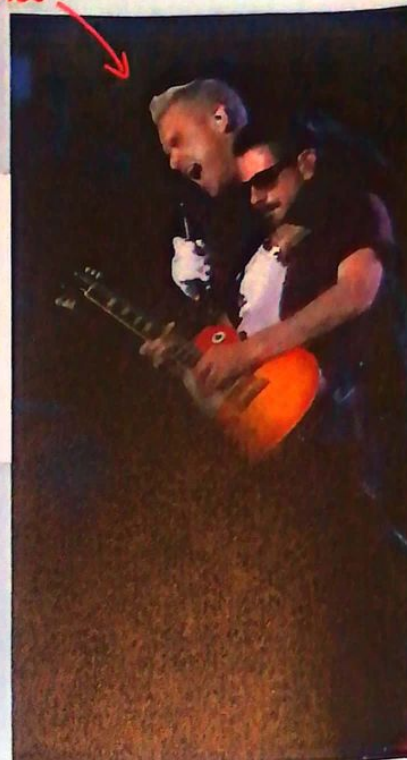
A Great Music Venue

We're preparing a guide to music venues where teenagers can go and listen to music. Tell us about a place you know. Describe the venue, the kinds of events held there, and the atmosphere. Say why you would recommend it to other teenagers. The best reviews will be posted on our website.

1. What kind of place should you write about? **a music venue**
2. What details should you include in your description? **What the venue is like, the kinds of events held there, and the atmosphere.**

2 Read the model review and complete the plan. Use the words below.

events • atmosphere • venue • information • location • name



Plan

Model

Par 1 Introduction

Give basic information about the place, for example, its name and location.

Par 2 Describe the kind of events that take place there.

Par 3 Describe the atmosphere at these events.

Par 4 Sum up and say why you recommend the venue to others.

A FANTASTIC CONCERT VENUE

If you love rock music, then Terra Vibe Park is the place for you. It's a huge open-air venue, located just north of Athens, and it's the number-one choice for rock concerts.

Several big concerts are held at Terra Vibe every summer including a festival called Rockwave. Loads of famous rock bands and solo artists have played here, including The Arctic Monkeys and Robbie Williams. The park can hold audiences of up to 20,000, but being in a crowd is all part of the fun at a concert. You can even camp at the site if you don't feel like travelling home afterwards.

For me, the best thing about Terra Vibe is the location. Being outside the city, the venue is surrounded by pine trees. The air is cool and fresh, and at night, the sky above you is full of stars. This adds to the amazing atmosphere. As you walk from the entrance to the stage with the other fans, you can feel the excitement start to build. You know you are going to enjoy a unique experience.

Terra Vibe is a beautiful venue and has a wonderful atmosphere. I'd definitely recommend going to a concert there, especially if your favourite band is playing. It's an unforgettable experience!

Tip

To describe a place or an event, use descriptive adjectives. Saying it is an unforgettable experience is more effective than saying it is a nice experience. Circle five adjectives in paragraphs 3 and 4.

3 IMPROVE YOUR STYLE: Writing descriptions Underline phrases in the model that mean the following:

1. It's a big place for outdoor events. (par 1)
2. It's the best place for ... (par 1)
3. They often have concerts in the summer. (par 2)
4. It is big enough for 20,000 people. (par 2)
5. There are pine trees all around. (par 3)
6. You are going to see something very different. (par 3)
7. I think you should go to ... (par 4)
8. You will always remember it. (par 4)

4 Read the task below. What should you include in your review? **a description of the venue, the kind of entertainment there, and the atmosphere** You see this post on an English-language website for teenagers.

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Local Festivals Around the World

We're doing a feature on local festivals around the world that young people would enjoy. Write a review of a festival you have been to, describing the venue, the music or other entertainment, and the atmosphere. Tell us why you think young people would enjoy it. The best reviews will be posted on our website.

5 BRAINSTORM IDEAS Answer the questions below. You can use the ideas given or your own ideas.

1. What is the name of the festival and when does it take place?
It takes place *every summer / on Saint ...'s Day /*
2. Where does the festival take place?
in the village square /
3. Who attends the festival?
the whole village / thousands of fans /
4. What music / entertainment is there?
traditional folk music / teen bands /
5. What's the best thing about the festival?
The atmosphere is really friendly / There's a huge firework display. /
6. What else can you do at the festival?
camp / dance the night away /

6 ADDING EMPHASIS You can use phrases to emphasize a point and then add details to your description. Look at the sentence below from the model:

For me, the best thing about Terra Vibe is the location.



Other phrases for emphasis are
What I like most is ...
What makes this special is ...

Complete each sentence below so it means the same as the first sentence. Then add a sentence to give more details. **Possible answers**

1. I really like the happy atmosphere among the crowd.
What I ... like most is the happy atmosphere among the crowd - everyone has a chance to enjoy themselves and chill out.
2. The highlight is the music that goes on all night.
For me, the highlight / best thing is the music that goes on all night. Even if the bands don't appeal to you, you soon get in the mood for a party.
3. It's amazing to see the huge feast of delicious food and drinks.
What I ... find amazing is the huge feast of delicious food and drinks. You are really spoilt for choice.
4. This festival is unique because of the exciting horse race through the town.
What makes ... the festival unique is the exciting horse races through the town. They appeal to the young and old alike who come to watch.

Your Task

7 Read the task in Exercise 4 again and write your review in 140-190 words. Use Exercises 3, 5 and 6 and the plan below to help you. Remember to vary the phrases you use in your descriptions. See **Teacher's Guide** for model writing.

Plan	Review
<p>Par 1 Introduction Give basic information about the festival. (name, location and when it takes place)</p>	<p>The festival is held every ... It takes place in ... Located ... , it ...</p>
<p>Par 2 Describe the kinds of events at the festival. (music, other entertainment)</p>	<p><i>Local / international</i> musicians perform ... Other entertainment includes ...</p>
<p>Par 3 Describe the atmosphere at the festival. (what people do, how they feel, any refreshments)</p>	<p>For me, the best thing is ... What I like most is ... What is amazing is the ...</p>
<p>Par 4 Sum up and say why you recommend the festival to others.</p>	<p>I'd definitely recommend ... It's an unforgettable experience ... It offers something for ...</p>

