

Task:

You have heard about plans to build new apartments in a public park near your home. You want to give your opinion about this.

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. In your letter

- explain how you learnt about these plans
- say what you think of the park
- give your opinion on the plans

Writing :

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have learned ~~form from~~ the city news portal that ~~the~~ City ~~Council~~Council approved ~~the~~ construction of a new ~~apartments building~~block of flats in a public park near my house. I understand that our mayor is looking for an effective way of developing our city, but I think that this building ~~shouldn't be~~ constructed in this park. First of all, this is the only park around. The nearest another park is 15 minutes away by car. A lot of children are playing in this park every day and there is no alternative for them here. The second very important reason is the biological variety of trees of this park. There are several oaks which ~~age~~ ~~is~~are over 100 years ~~old~~. I don't know any other park in our city that has ~~the~~ same great trees. I'm sure that building works will hurt them, so that's why I'm quite worried. Instead of building the apartments I offer ~~the~~ City ~~Council~~Council to ~~make of this part a place for festivals~~hold festivals there. Very little ~~invested investment~~ ~~is~~ needed to improve park's infrastructure and it will become a very attractive venue for concert and festivals organizers. Hope your ~~colition~~ will help to inform citizens of such alternative and ~~the~~ City ~~Council~~Council will change its decision.

~~Yours faithfully,~~

~~Your first and last name~~

Word count: 197

Примечание [A1]: Article 'the' is needed here because it is clear which 'construction' we are talking about

Примечание [A2]: noun 'construction' is used with a preposition 'of' in this meaning

Примечание [A3]: it's better not to use contractions in formal letters

Примечание [A4]: passive structure should be used here 'be +V3'

Примечание [A5]: other word is needed here, it's a bit difficult to understand the meaning

Примечание [A6]: you should finish with formal ending

Feedback:

Criteria	Estimated band	Comments
Task Achievement	6	Even though all questions in the task are covered, you would get higher score by separating the information and providing some more examples and explanations (e.g. about festivals). Also don't use contractions on formal letter.
Coherence and Cohesion	<u>5/4</u>	You haven't used any paragraphs and there is no ending, which greatly influenced your mark
Lexical resource	<u>6</u>	Even though you showed some good examples of vocabulary (e.g. an oak tree, biological variety), it's not enough to get higher score. Also some phrases were used incorrectly (e.g. 'colition', 'aprtments building')
Grammatical range and accuracy	<u>6</u>	You have made some mistakes in basic grammar (e.g. 'needed'; 'a new apartments'); you have used some complex sentences (e.g. There are several oaks which <u>age isare</u> over 100 years <u>old</u> .) but they came with mistakes
Overall	<u>5,5</u>	<p>To achieve a better result you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn more about the structure of the letter and the functional language for different types of letters (e.g. I am writing to...) • plan before you start writing, it will help you to organize information better and pay equal attention to each question in the task • to achieve higher score you should develop your vocabulary by studying more of advanced words and collocations • proofread after writing to help reduce minor errors • practice writing different types of complex sentences