

**TOPIC: New Zealand is too interested in sports and not health and fitness.**

We here in New Zealand like to think we are a sporting nation, and to an extent we are. Our nation watches avidly when our national teams succeed on the world's stage regardless of the sport. But here lies the problem, our nation watches, sits, looks. New Zealand is a sporting nation, yes; but is it fair to say that our country is a nation of participants? No. New Zealanders love to watch the weekend sports on the television, but we are becoming less and less inclined to worry about our own health and fitness by getting out there ourselves. Our couch potato mentality is fast damaging our population in terms of our health, both physically and mentally. Today there is more and more to do instead of sport that involves considerably less strain.

MAIN IDEA #1: Physical health problems.

MAIN IDEA #2: Mental health problems.

MAIN IDEA #3: Things to do instead of sports.

## **YOUR TASK!**

- 1. Turn each main idea into a topic sentence.**
- 2. Write 2-3 further sentences to further explain your topic sentence.**
- 3. where you need to, give examples to help your explanation.**

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**TOPIC: Young people contribute more to society than adults think.**

To many adults, young people are a major source of moan-material. We are messy, disrespectful, lazy and apparently have never had it so good. So we're told. The youth of today are easy targets for adults with nothing immediate to complain about; apparently we contribute very little to society. But this is just plain wrong and any adult with a half a brain knows this. Young people contribute much to the place we live in, beginning with those menial, boring but essential jobs that most adults wouldn't touch with a barge pole. We also contribute a lot of energy and creativity to the places we live in as well as a load of support and love towards the people we care for – we may not show it, but we do.

MAIN IDEA #1: Important jobs no one else wants to do

MAIN IDEA #2: Energy and creativity of young people

MAIN IDEA #3: Care for those who are important for us.

## **YOUR TASK!**

- 4. Turn each main idea into a topic sentence.**
- 5. Write 2-3 further sentences to further explain your topic sentence.**
- 6. where you need to, give examples to help your explanation.**

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**TOPIC: All secondary schools should be single sexed.**

Many adults in New Zealand seem to have an idea in their heads that single sex schools are the only way to educate the young. By separating males from their female counterparts, adults are sure that academic success is assured. This is ludicrous. The best way to educate our young people is by teaching them all together in a mixed-sex system. Single sex schools breed poor attitudes towards the opposing sex and academic success is not guaranteed as there are many more obvious factors that go into a student getting good grades at school. The argument that by separating the sexes adults are stopping teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases is simply laughable, a joke.

MAIN IDEA #1: Single sex schools breed poor attitudes towards the opposite sex.

MAIN IDEA #2: Academic success is not guaranteed at single sex schools.

MAIN IDEA #3: Single sex schools do not affect teenage sex issues.

## **YOUR TASK!**

- 7. Turn each main idea into a topic sentence.**
- 8. Write 2-3 further sentences to further explain your topic sentence.**
- 9. where you need to, give examples to help your explanation.**

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