

Sample Essay 3

Whenever summer approaches, many parents struggle whether to let their children join a **local summer internship** or a **summer overseas study tour**. Some parents and students believe that an overseas study tour is more **preferable** than a local internship and **turn a blind eye** to its weaknesses. Today, our team is going to point out the **drawbacks** of a summer overseas study tour and discuss to **what extent** a local summer internship is better, so as to help you make a wiser choice.

In the first place, a local summer internship is more **practical** and **realistic** due to its special purpose. It aims at **equipping** students, the workers-to-be, with specific **on-site skills** for their future jobs. **Needless to say**, having relevant working experience is highly **beneficial** for **job hunting**. The more experienced a person is, the higher the chance he or she will get hired, or vice versa. It is **obvious** that in a city with a lot of competition, like Hong Kong, most employers expect a **candidate** to be equipped with **hands-on skills**. In this regard, participating in a local summer internship is indeed more **beneficial** than a summer overseas study tour.

Besides, a local summer internship provides a real workplace for students to improve their English. Meetings, presentations, reports and email correspondences, are often involved. They are thus able to learn better communication skills through working with their teammates and other colleagues for a few months. On the contrary, many parents **unrealistically** want their children to improve their English **dramatically** through the summer overseas study tour. In truth, most of the children feel like a **fish out of water**. They may be **separated** from the local people and not have a chance to learn **colloquial** English during the tour.

To many students, it is generally believed that an overseas summer study tour is **advantageous** because it enables them to **delve into** different cultures and learn about them better. However, it has long been **called into question** whether this kind of tour can **genuinely** benefit them in their studies. The **duration** of these study tours is normally short. Most of the participants are only required to attend lessons for a few hours every weekday. Furthermore, according to what most of the participants said in the after-tour **sharing sessions**, these study tours are quite like **sightseeing tours** for them. As a result, it seems that the primary aim of self-improvement is just a **wishful thinking**.

Based on the above reasons, our team definitely believes that a local summer internship is a better choice for students because it's more practical and has a stronger connection with their pursuit of their future careers.

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Grammar Analysis

1. Text type and format – You are asked to write a debate essay. In a debate essay, the content should be in several paragraphs, including an opening, a main body and a closing.
2. Genre – It is an argumentative and expository piece of writing. You are expected to argue for joining a local internship while indicating that an overseas study tour is less advantageous.
3. Language and formality – The essay is to show your preference and state your opinions and standpoint, so it should be objective and persuasive. The use of language should be quite formal. The ideas need to be strong and reasonable. To enhance the effect, you should also write in a convincing tone. The present tenses should be used because you are referring to situations in general.
4. Organisation – Clearly show your stance in the beginning and the last paragraph. In the main body, show the advantages of joining a local internship and the disadvantages of joining an overseas study tour with supporting details and examples. You may compare and contrast the effectiveness between the two. Cohesive devices can be used to link up the sentences and paragraphs to make the essay more organised.