



Now, try writing a passage with all the things you have learnt in mind!

You are reading Hong Kong Post and come across this opinion ‘In light of the struggles teenagers face in their personal lives, such as being financially irresponsible, unable to develop healthy relationships with others and easily addicted to unhealthy lifestyles, schools should reintroduce Value Education as a subject instead of only promoting the priority values through talks or workshops.’ Write a letter to the editor in response to this comment.

Dear Editor,

I recently came across a comment in yesterday’s issue advocating for the reintroduction of Values

There are many comments in the issue, so don't say 'the comment in yesterday's issue'.

Education in schools. At first, I was hesitant about adding another subject to our already packed schedules. However, as I read through the column, I found it quite enlightening.

Remember to use a gerund after a preposition!
I have mentioned which specific column I read, so 'the' is fine.

Many of my peers and I are facing challenges, not necessarily in academics, but in making our personal lives fulfilling. Achieving high marks in exams is often more manageable than developing

I don't want to sound clumsy by repeating 'the column', and you can easily locate what 'it' refers to.

a healthy mindset about money or building meaningful relationships. It seems that Values Education could be the key to addressing these issues.

You can only compare two THINGS, so the verb must be transformed into a gerund.
Although 'build' got separated by 'or', it follows 'than', so it needs to be a gerund.

I want to say that Values Education is the SPECIFIC solution to solving not just any problems, but THESE problems.

'He/She/It' add -s. So basic, but so many of you forget about it.

Some argue that schools should focus solely on intellectual development and leave Values Education to parents. However, schools were designed to provide a well-rounded education. In

'Some people' sounds so redundant. I think you can deduce that 'people' is the subject even without specifying it, right?

I am not referring to any specific schools and parents, so I just change them into plural.

my view, they currently place too much emphasis on academic achievement and neglect Values Education. A healthy mind doesn't thrive on knowledge alone! How can we live our best lives if we

Strangely, 'mind' is countable. 'Knowledge isn't though. Don't ask me why.'

Do you know that when the subject and the object are the same, you should use reflexive pronouns like 'ourselves'? I do!
can't even take care of ourselves? A fulfilling life requires more than just a stable job and a degree;
Linked to 'about' by 'and', so 'build' must be...a gerund! ←
we need to learn about respect, responsible spending, and building positive relationships. These

topics might seem trivial or something we should learn on our own, but I believe they deserve
I use plural to suggest that there are many skills we need to learn. Clever, right? ←
direct teaching. Just like any other skills or knowledge, the right values should be explicitly taught
I am feeling pretty strong about this, but not to the point of demanding that it MUST happen. ←
rather than assumed that we'll pick them up along the way.

The subject changes from 'we' to 'one question' because my focus has shifted. ←
Now that we've established the need for Values Education, one question remains: should it be
a formal subject? Honestly, if students genuinely engaged in talks and workshops about moral
I love using determiners to refer to an issue mentioned. That way, I don't need to repeat something SUPER LONG. ←
values, we wouldn't need to add another subject to the curriculum. However, all too often, this

is unfortunately not the case; many students treat talks and workshops as a chance to relax and
daydream. I admit I'm guilty of this too. By making Values Education a mandatory subject, we would
have to pay attention to these important lessons. After all, it's much more effective to learn about
What am I inferring again with the plural form? There are many values we need to learn. ←
values in a structured way than to doze through a two-hour talk on anti-bullying or financial literacy.

Just in case you don't know. Whenever you use 'of', you MUST use 'the'. You can thank me if you really don't know. I accept chips, chocolate or milk tea. ←
While I'm not thrilled about the idea of studying another subject, the more I reflect on it, the more
They are referring to the same thing. Can you catch on? ←
I see how essential Values Education is. Ignoring it in favour of more study time is a disservice to
students. We need Values Education to help us understand what a healthy personal lifestyle looks
Have you noticed that I brilliantly switch the subject from 'we' to 'Values Education'? Cause what trains us is Values Education, not ourselves. ←
like, rather than just training us to become individuals who focus solely on earning degrees.

Learning should enhance our lives, not come at the expense of them. How can we improve our
Friendly reminder: remember to add 'a' before countable nouns. Let's see if you remember to do so in your next writing. ←
living standards if we don't even know how to build a decent life?

Yours sincerely,

Chris Wong