

Writing Task Sample

Unit 2 Street performers in Hong Kong (p.23)

Should buskers perform on the street?

Write an article to express your views in about 200 words.

When walking down the street, have you ever noticed a group of people performing? These individuals, known as buskers, enjoy making a living by **showcasing** their **talents**, while some are **pursuing** their dreams of becoming artists. However, the question of whether they should be allowed to perform on the street remains **controversial**.

In my opinion, buskers require a good location to perform. On the positive side, they can bring people together in a cheerful and **energetic** environment, drawing in a lot of **onlookers** and **tourists**. Their performances can bring much joy and pleasure to the public, whether it be through singing, playing an instrument, creating street art, or dancing.

On the other hand, some people view busking as a **nuisance due to** the noise, crowds, and public space they **occupy**. For example, in the busy shopping district of Causeway Bay, some shops and residents have complained about the noise level from buskers, particularly those using **amplifiers**. However, regulations can be put in place to **ease** these **concerns** by **designating** specific hours and areas where buskers can and cannot perform.

If properly managed, street performance can **contribute** to a city's cultural **vibrancy**. Therefore, I believe that buskers should be allowed to perform on the street, as long as they respect the public space and **comply** with the regulations in place.

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