



## AN ARTICLE

An article is usually written for different kinds of magazines or newspapers. Look at the topic below. Then study the plan and read the model.

**Topic:** Write an article for an international magazine giving your suggestions about what the future holds.

### Plan:

#### TITLE

#### What the future holds

Opening- presentation of issue and opinion

What will life be like in fifty year´s time? It´s impossible to know for certain, but there´s one thing we can be sure of. In some ways, life for our grandchildren will be very different from life today. Let´s just imagine some of the possibilities.

Body- specific reasons and facts to support opinion

One thing that is changing very rapidly is technology. You can bet that our grandchildren will live in a world where everything and everybody relies on computers. Transport will also change, and perhaps we´ll have cars that fly. Maybe our grandchildren will find themselves stuck in traffic jams in the sky!

Yet another way in which life will be different is the environment. It doesn´t look like we´re going to solve the problems of pollution soon, so our grandchildren may live in a world where many species have become extinct. Sadly, they might never see animals like pandas, apart from in books and zoos.

Closing- summing up and restatement of opinion

So, like the present, I believe the future will have its good points and its bad points. I, for one, can´t wait to find out!

### Useful language:

**Rhetorical questions:** Have you ever...? Are you one of those people who...? What do you think about...?

**Introducing first point:** Firstly, First of all, In the first place, To begin with, One thing to consider is...

**Introducing further points:** Secondly, In addition (to this), Yet another..., Apart from that...

**Introducing final points:** So, in conclusion, To sum up, To conclude

**Introducing your opinion:** In my opinion, If you ask me, To my mind, Personally, I believe that..., In my view...

