



Robin Hill Reporter!

Are you the real article?

Student Introduction

- ▶ Can you inject an informative persuasion into your writing?
- ▶ Could you make a destination come alive for your reader?

INTRO

Your task is to write an engaging article about Robin Hill Country Park.

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A. Look at the paragraphs.

1. How many paragraphs are there?
2. How many sentences are there in the shortest paragraphs?
3. Which paragraph gives details about when the park is open and its cost?
4. Make notes on what each paragraph is telling us about.

B. Now look at the sentences within the paragraphs.

You may like to highlight the following using different colours for each question.

1. Find four sentences that start with subordinate/adverbial clauses. (This is an extra clause to the main part of the sentence. It does not make sense on its own.)
2. Find two embedded clauses. (A clause in the middle of a main clause, marked out by commas.)
3. What conjunctions can you find? (Words which connect ideas within or between sentences e.g. *as, but, since*)

C. Finally, focus on some of the language choices.

A number of words have been chosen for their positive diction which presents an overall positive tone.

1. Can you find twelve words with a positive association?
2. Find words that add emphasis to what is being said e.g. *really*

EXTENSION TASK



- ▶ How many different punctuation marks have been used?
- ▶ What is the one negative point the writer alludes to? How does the writer justify this?

1. First plan your paragraphs.
2. What are your sections going to be about?
3. What will you include in your opening paragraph?
4. Where will you add details of opening times and cost?
5. Now make some notes for ideas of positive language choices to describe some of the attractions.
6. Finally, as you write up your article, consider each sentence before you write it. Make sure that some start with a subordinate/adverbial clause. Try to put in an embedded clause.

PLANNING & CRAFTING

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NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Read through your first draft.
- ✓ You may be asked to annotate your work, or get a work partner to identify the features you have been working on.
- ✓ Have you used all the features picked out from the example text?



TEACHER ANSWER SHEET (TO TEXT ANALYSIS)

Subordinate/adverbial clauses to start sentences

'At just 148 square miles in size,'
 'But since Victorian times,'
 'Opened in 1843'
 'More than 20 years on from my last visit as a child,'

Conjunctions

'But since'
 'And while'
 'even though'

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Embedded clauses

'Blackgang Chine amusement park'
 'even though we visited on a day when it was immersed in low level cloud'

Language with positive diction (superlatives)

'gems'
 'beautiful'
 'attractions'
 'amazing'
 'stunning'
 'amazed'
 'entertaining'
 'funny'
 'charm'
 'character'
 'hopefully'
 'modest'

Words for Emphasis

'really'
 'still'
 'simply'
 'after all'

