

# Our Magazine

## Task 1:

Before you start writing your magazine, have a look at some examples. What makes a good magazine article? Write all the features into the following organizer and answer the questions on the right.

A template for a magazine cover. It features an orange header bar at the top, a grey body section below it, and a grey footer section at the bottom. A small grey box on the left side of the footer contains the text "by: .....". The main body section is enclosed in a rounded rectangle and contains three horizontal grey bars for text. The bottom-most bar has a dotted line "....." centered within it.

- Who will read your magazine?
  
- What topics are your readers interested in?
  
- How can you make your text interesting for them?

## Task 2: Your Team Strengths

You will work as a team. What are your strengths for this project? What are you good at that will help your team to produce a really good magazine full of interesting articles?



Your Names	What are your strengths for this project?
	...is good at..... and knows a lot about .....

3. Find a fitting name for your magazine.

4. Plan the topics that you are going to write about.

What topics are you planning to write about in your magazine? Collect your ideas in the box.

# TOPICS

**Your magazine will have 12 pages altogether. Plan the topics in detail.**

Page	Title/Topic	Name: Who is going to write this text?	by...
1	Cover page:		
2	Table of contents and editorial letter		
3	Article 1:		
4	Article 2:		
5	Article 3:		
6	Article 4:		
7	Article 5		
8	Article 6		
9	Article 7		
10	Article 8		
11	??? Cool ideas?		
12	??? Cool ideas?		

## 5. Collecting information for your article

A good article needs lots of good facts and details. Depending on your topic you will find information in books or online.

Tip: Always use sources in ENGLISH – do not try to translate information from German.

Enter ENGLISH search terms into Google.

Go to Wikipedia in simple English, [https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

Try the BBC pages: <https://www.bbc.com/news> or <https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

Collect information in keywords or short phrases. You can use phrases (5 words in a row) from your sources, but you must not copy whole sentences or more from your sources.

Always write down your sources (where you found the information).

Copying text from books or online sources is called PLAGIARISM. It is illegal – that means, it's a crime.

*Use this page to collect facts and bits of information for your article.*

## 6. Organizing your information

A good article needs a clear structure. How are you going to organize your information into paragraphs?

Write keywords or phrases into the graphic organizer.

Tip: You can also write a good subtitle for each paragraph. This will make your text even clearer.

Title

Lead

by

7. Now write your article and type it on the computer.

## 8.1 Peer Conference for text 1

Give your text and this page to a classmate. Ask your friend to read your text very carefully and to provide you with **specific comments that will help you improve your text.**

**Peer editor's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of text:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Comments, Suggestions, Tips</b>
Is my text interesting? Does it hold your attention? What could I add to make it more interesting?	
Is my text clearly organized or are you confused at any point? Where? Is there anything you do not quite understand?	
Is the introduction strong and interesting? Do you want to read on? How could I improve it?	
Do you have enough information? Should I add anything? What?	
Is my conclusion convincing? How could I improve it?	
Does the title fit the text? Does it sound interesting? Can you think of a better title?	
Have I quoted my sources properly? Do you find anything that might be plagiarized?	
Have I used correct language (grammar and spelling)? Can you give me any language tips?	
How do you like the layout and presentation of my text? What could be improved?	

## 8.2 Peer Conference for text 2

Give your text and this page to a classmate. Ask your friend to read your text very carefully and to provide you with **specific comments that will help you improve your text.**

**Peer editor's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of text:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Comments, Suggestions, Tips</b>
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## 9. Final steps: Polish your magazine

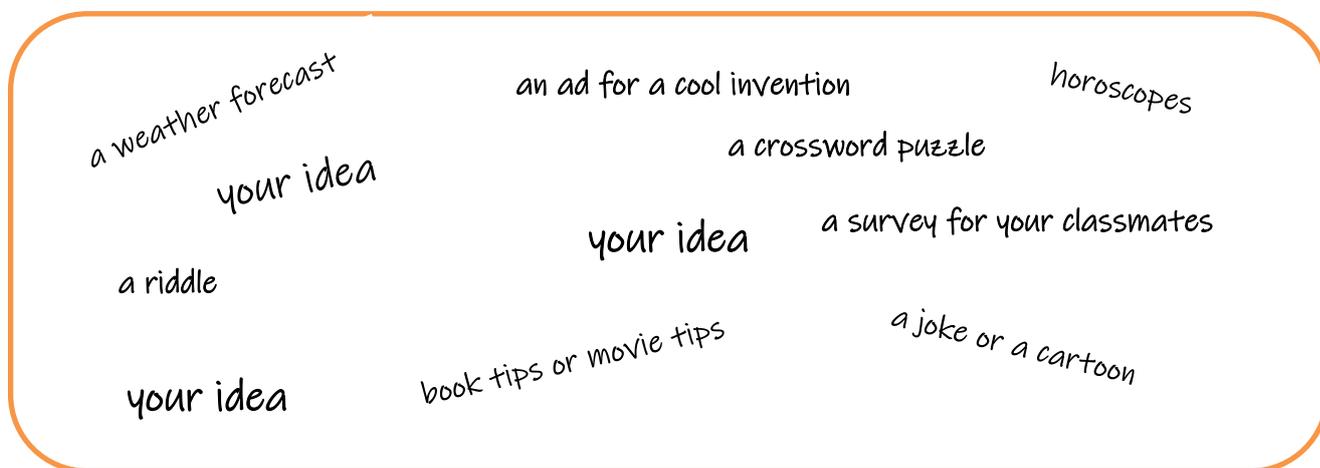
Use your friends' and your teacher's tips to revise your texts very carefully and correct all the little mistakes.

Layout your text carefully so it looks appealing. Use pictures from pixabay.com or add your own photos.

Put all the articles of your group into one file and add the following elements:

- design a nice cover page for your magazine
- write a table of contents with titles and page numbers
- fill the last two pages with any creative and interesting ideas

What you could do on the last two pages:



**Upload your final magazine to Moodle.**

## 10. Sharing your magazines

Now it's time to read each other's magazines and give feedback to your classmates.

- What do you find most interesting?
- What can you learn from the other groups' magazines?
- How can they improve in the next issue of their magazine?
- Do you have any questions about any of the articles?

