

Essay 1

Some people prefer to plan all their vacation activities while others prefer to be spontaneous. Which do you prefer? Why?

A vacation should always be an enjoyable time, but not everyone plans them the same way. Although I see the romance of being **spontaneous** with tourist activities, it is **not my style**. Firstly, some of the best activities are ones you must make reservations for. If, for example, I would want to go whale watching, I might not be able to if I don't sign up early. Secondly, plans can still be **altered** if needed. When a better option spontaneously **emerges**, I have no issue with **pivoting** to the new, better option. To sum up, planning for a vacation allows me to reserve popular activities while not **prohibiting** flexibility.

Word Count: 108

High Scoring Vocabulary & Phrases

- 1. spontaneous:** Happening naturally, without planning or effort.
- 2. not my style:** Not something I usually like or do.
- 3. altered:** Changed from the original form.
- 4. emerge:** To come out from somewhere or appear.
- 5. pivoting:** Changing direction or strategy quickly.
- 6. prohibiting:** Stopping or not allowing something to happen.

Advanced Grammar

1. If, for example, I would want to go whale watching, I might not be able to if I don't sign up early.
2. Although I see the romance of being spontaneous with tourist activities, it is not my style.
3. When a better option spontaneously emerges, I have no issue with pivoting to the new, better option.



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Essay 2

Why is music so important to so many different people? Give specific reasons for your answer.

Music has had an **unquestionable** effect on nearly all the world's cultures, no matter where they are located. One reason for this **phenomenon** could be the cultural value music brings. Many songs are based on ancient cultural **tales** and stories that connect the listener with their past through lyrics and dance. Another reason is that music improves our mental health. For many, music is more than an interest; it is how they cope with depression, anger and anxiety. In conclusion, the cultural and **psychological** aspects have made music essential to people from all **four corners of the world**.

Word Count: 98

High Scoring Vocabulary & Phrases

- 1. unquestionable:** Sure and certain; cannot be doubted.
- 2. phenomenon:** Something that happens or exists and is noticed by people.
- 3. tales:** Stories, often about adventures or imaginary events.
- 4. psychological:** Related to the mind or the way people think and feel.
- 5. four corners of the world:** Everywhere on Earth; all over the world.

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