

## Planning for Writing

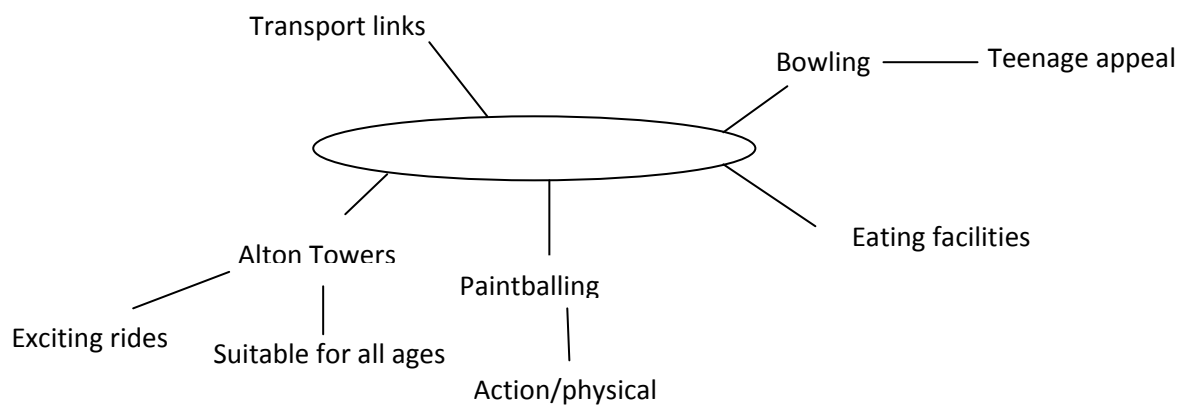
In a writing task, there is generally only time to make 4-5 decent points. Students should spend 10 minutes planning for a writing task and then work to the time scheme of 5 minutes per paragraph (1 point per paragraph).

The planning process is:

- Brainstorm (approx 2 minutes)
- Select (approx 1 minutes)
- Order and Development (approx 3 minutes)
- Impact and Link (approx 4 minutes)

Example task: A magazine is running a series of articles under the heading 'An enjoyable day out for the family'. Write an article recommending a place to visit, explaining its appeal to all of the family.

Brainstorm (2 minutes): in brainstorm format, write down anything you think of in relation to this task; i.e. places to visit, aspects that are important to families.



Select (1 minute): Take the 4 best ideas which will form the 4 paragraphs of your article; divide your page in 4 and put each idea into one of the 4 sections.

Alton Towers	Thrilling rides for all
Good transportation links	A variety of eating facilities

Order and Development (3 minutes): Number each section 1-4 according to the order in which you want the points to come. List three details in each section appropriate to your headings.

<p>1. Alton Towers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Britain’s biggest theme park.</li> <li>• Many rides, shows and attractions.</li> <li>• Appropriate for all ages.</li> </ul>	<p>2. Thrilling rides for all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast rollercoasters-great for teenagers.</li> <li>• Gentle rides for younger children.</li> <li>• Wet and wild rides-fun for all the family.</li> </ul>
<p>4. Good transportation links</p>	<p>3. A variety of eating facilities</p>

Impact and Link (4 minutes): In each section, write a high impact topic sentence; consider linking devices as well for sections 2, 3 and 4.

<p>1. Alton Towers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Britain’s biggest theme park.</li> <li>• Many rides, shows and attractions.</li> <li>• Appropriate for all ages.</li> </ul> <p>Looking for thrills and spills?</p>	<p>2. Thrilling rides for all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast rollercoasters-great for teenagers.</li> <li>• Gentle rides for younger children.</li> <li>• Wet and wild rides-fun for all the family.</li> </ul> <p>Although well known for fast, exciting rollercoasters, Alton Towers also caters for younger guests.</p>
<p>4. Good transportation links</p>	<p>3. A variety of eating facilities</p>

Then begin writing: 5 minutes on each section.