



Robin Hill Reporter!

Are you the real article?

Student Introduction

- ▶ Can you inject informative persuasion into your writing?
- ▶ Can you make Robin Hill come alive for your reader?

INTRO

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

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✓ To help you write an effective article, answer the following questions about the example text.

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 the reader

B. Now look at the sentences within the paragraphs.

1. Look at the first sentence. The main part of that sentence is telling us that "the Isle of Wight is the smallest county in the United Kingdom".

Write down the extra detail that has been added to this?

Notice how this extra part has been separated from the main part by a comma. This extra part does not make sense on its own. It is called a subordinate clause. Now look at the second sentence.

Can you identify the main part of the sentence?

Now write down the extra subordinate clause.

Write down the subordinate clause in paragraph 3.

2. What conjunctions can you find which connect ideas within sentences? e.g. *as*, *but*, *since*

**EXTENSION
TASK**

- ▶ How many different punctuation marks have been used?
- ▶ What words have been chosen for their positive effect?

**PLANNING
&
CRAFTING**

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, including superlatives, to describe some of the attractions.

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Although ... ,

When ... ,

**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 paragraphs?
- ✓ Have you started some sentences with a subordinate clause?
- ✓ Have you used a variety of five or more different conjunctions?
- ✓ Have you used superlatives and engaging prose?



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'

