

GCSE English Language Unit 2: Exposition Writing



Exposition Writing

Exposition essays provide an explanation of ideas from a personal point of view about a particular topic.

You will need your synthesis skills to use the reading materials as well as personal opinions to support your answer.

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TEXT A is from the Daily Mail website



MailOnline

Williams's goal is helping with new life for two-year-old Hari through WillsWorld charity

Ashley Williams has a sick child on his mind, but there are no immediate plans to bring a television crew on a Christmas hospital visit. It goes a little deeper than that.

'Hari needs about £45,000,' said Williams. 'It will change his life.'

Hari Kieft is no relation to the Swansea centre back. In fact, they only met for the first time on December 13. But Hari has been in Williams' thoughts for months, ever since he heard about the two-year-old boy from Swansea with two heart conditions and spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.

'Basically he can't walk,' said Williams. 'If he tries, he falls over. But if he has this surgery on his spine he can walk — it's pretty much 100 per cent successful. One operation in America will change his life. But it's expensive.'

That's where Williams comes in. It was last Christmas when Williams, 27, and his accountant wife Vanessa decided to do something different with their spare time.

'I didn't want to get involved in anything major as my career has to be the focus, but we wanted to do something that made the most of my position,' said Williams.

'I thought about it for a while, but it was only really when I got to the Championship with Swansea that I had enough of a profile to make it work.

'I'm in a position where, because I play football, just turning up somewhere or signing a shirt, or getting a team-mate to sign one, can make some money, so fund-raising is relatively easy for me compared to some.

'It takes so little time and effort that we just wanted to have a go. We set up WillsWorld as a charity and it's gone from there.

'The whole thing is very small with no real structure — it's Vanessa and I sat at our kitchen table with a laptop — and we encourage people to contact us at our website if they need help and we see if we can.

'Normally it's underprivileged kids and making visits and trying to make someone's day — just bringing some kids down to the stadium when they've been having a rough time and giving them a signed shirt and tickets — but sometimes, like with Hari, it's fund-raising.

'Like I say, we just take in requests from kids or parents and charity groups and if it's something we can help with, we do.'

'We're about halfway with the funding — we'll get to the target one way or another,' he said. 'It's not a lot of effort when you think what Hari's going through.'

An alternative viewpoint comes from Hari's mother, Cerianne Kieft. 'You hear stuff about footballers and their wives and it couldn't be further from the truth with Ashley and Vanessa,' she said.

'They have done so much. The other day he was out collecting raffle tickets — they do all the little things themselves. He was at our house for two hours one night and was great with Hari. He's such a nice man. It means so much what they're doing.'

TEXT A

Q1. Why does the article say that "there are no immediate plans to bring in a television crew on a Christmas hospital visit. It goes deeper than that"?

Q2. The article makes Ashley Williams appearand

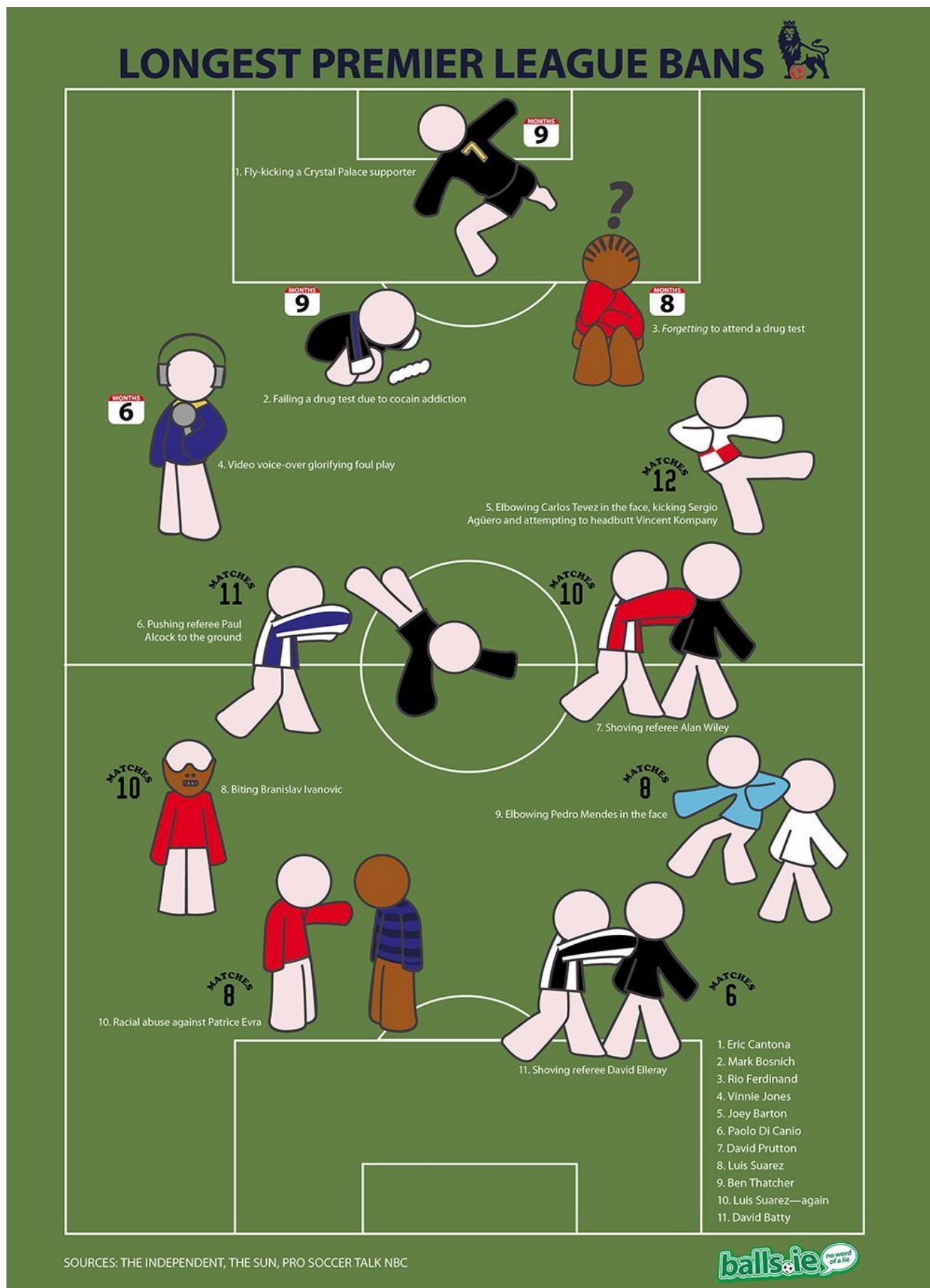
Circle one answer:

- (a) vain and complacent
- (b) modest and determined
- (c) kind and skilful
- (d) generous and famous

Q3. Why do you think we hear from Hari's mother?

Q4. Summarise your thoughts after reading this article.

TEXT B



TEXT B

Q1. What was Rio Ferdinand banned for?

Q2. Name the players banned for shoving or pushing the referee.

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Q3. True or False? (Circle one)

Joey Barton was banned for headbutting Vincent Kompany, amongst other things.

Q4. In your opinion, who is guilty of the worst 'crime' on the list? Explain your answer in the box below.

TEXT C

Telegraph.co.uk

5 reasons why women's football is better than men's

1. The players are less hate-able

One of the main problems with top-level men's football is the insufferable players. There are exceptions, sure, but on the whole they're overpaid, over-entitled, oversexed, over-styled spoilt brats. The women's game isn't blighted with nearly as much preening, posing or all-round prickery. Although the odd one still does "heart-hands" when they score.

2. There's less play-acting and time-wasting

The men's game is embarrassingly cynical, with the big wusses diving and feigning injury if someone so much as farts in their general direction. A study shows that on average, men stay down 30 seconds longer than women after being fouled. It's the sporting equivalent of us crying "man flu" the moment we get a slight sniffle.

3. The money is less obscene

It's supply and demand, obv, but the wages in men's football are astronomical. Cristiano Ronaldo earns a £300k-per-week base salary, and that's before endorsements, bonuses and prize money. Compare this to England's women, who are paid £23k per year by the FA – pretty much bang on the national average wage. Adding on their club contracts and commercial endorsements still only totals £50k. Yep, they earn in a year what the likes of Wayne Rooney and John Terry do in a day.

4. It's more enlightened

Men's football is stuck in the dark ages when it comes to tolerance: blighted by homophobic chants, racism on both turf and terraces, plus a shameful lack of black managers. The women's game has accepted its gay players without blinking, with England's Casey Stoney one of several high-profile stars to have come out. Can you imagine our men's skipper being openly gay? Dream on.

5. It's better value

People's game? Pah. A Premier League season ticket costs an average of £508.55. In the Women's Super League, it's £32.38. Little wonder that sales last season were up 30pc. Indeed, women's football attendances have doubled in the past decade. Last autumn, the women's side drew a bigger crowd than the men to their equivalent Wembley friendlies: 55,000 to 40,000. Tickets for the women's match were just £15 for adults and a quid for kids, who could support a better-ranked team in a superior atmosphere.

TEXT C

Q1. What does the word 'blighted' mean?

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Q2. Find and copy 5 examples of informal words from the article:

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Q3. Write a summary of this article in exactly 50 words.

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TEXT D

Telegraph.co.uk

Cristiano Ronaldo has been named the world's most charitable sports star, having donated millions of pounds of his fortune to worthy causes.

The 30-year-old Portuguese star was named by Dosomething.org as the most charitable sportsperson, topping the Athletes Gone Good list of 20 stars.

"(Ronaldo) raised money for various causes including donating more than \$83,000 to a 10-year-old fan in need of brain surgery and giving more than \$165,000 to fund a cancer centre in Portugal that treated his mother," Dosomething.org said.

"Ronaldo has also used his fame as a global spokesperson for a variety of causes including childhood hunger, obesity and biodiversity."

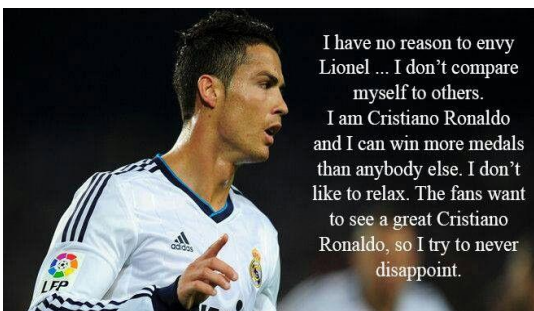
The Real Madrid striker earns an estimated £230,000 a week salary, excluding endorsements and other deals.

In May, Ronaldo reportedly donated £5 million to help the aid effort in Nepal following the devastating earthquake.

The Portuguese star has a history of being charitable. In 2004, he flew to the aid of Indonesian tsunami victims after he saw footage of a young man wearing a Portugal shirt with his name on the back.

"My father always taught me that when you help other people, then God will give you double," Ronaldo said in 2013. "And that's what has really happened to me. When I have helped other people who are in need, God has helped me more."

TEXT E



TEXTS D and E

What impressions do you get of Cristiano Ronaldo in these texts?

Use evidence from the texts to support your answer.

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Exposition Writing

"Footballers are role models for children but they behave in an irresponsible manner and youngsters are likely to copy their behaviour both on and off the pitch."

Write an essay to explain the extent to which you agree with this view. Include reasons and examples in your answer.

General

- ✓ Use the information from the reading tasks you have done to help you get ideas to support your answer.
- ✓ Write a plan of your main points.
- ✓ Remember that you are writing for general audience so you need to make your points very clear.

Introduction (1 paragraph)

- ✓ This is your chance to interest your reader in the topic you are writing about. Use the information in the question to help you get started.
- ✓ Try asking a question, using a statistic or dropping in a couple of eye-catching names to make an initial point.

Main Paragraphs (4-5 paragraphs)

- ✓ These paragraphs are the heart of your essay. Each of these paragraphs should be properly structured with a range of appropriate sentences.
- ✓ Use specific details and precise language to support your points.
- ✓ Write your paragraphs in order of importance.
- ✓ Make sure that your paragraphs are cohesive - appropriate connectives will help with this.

Conclusion (1 paragraph)

- ✓ It is important that you take the opportunity to tie up all the main points of your essay and leave the reader with a clear understanding of the topic.
- ✓ Try to restate your main points using some new vocabulary.
- ✓ Finish with a memorable sentence.

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Sample Answer 1

When we look at footballers today we think of spoilt brats who earn far too much money and behave really badly. They should be behaving in a responsible way because youngsters look up to them and I agree that they are likely to copy that awful behaviour.

Look at one of the most famous footballers in the world Cristiano Ronaldo. He is arrogant and is always waving his arms at his teammates if he doesn't get the ball past to him. Last year he even had a sulk when one of his own team scored when he could have got another goal he calls himself "unstoppable" and "too good" and I do not think this is a good example to set young people. It is clear that he does do lots of positive things for charity but it is how he behaves on the pitch that people really notice isn't it.

Rugby players are much better role models than footballers. They only earn a small amount of money but have respect for the opponents and the referee. In the world cup final the ref Nigel Owens even told one player off for swearing because there were children watching. The player apologised straight away. Now I can't imagine Wayne Rooney doing the same thing.

If you look at some of the reasons players have been banned such as racism, failing drugs tests and biting they are all terrible things. This behaviour is going to be copied by lots of children across the country and I agree that they are role models and do behave in a bad way. I do not want my child to bite someone when they are annoyed or push a referee when he makes a bad decision. If their heroes behave like that then they will as well.

It is interesting that female footballers behave in a much better way and they appear to be good roll models for young people. They earn less money, do not roll around on the floor after a tackle and are easy to like. But most children in the country couldn't name a female player. This shows that they are not well known and do not have the same impact as the men. Most premier league players do pretend to be injured, swear at the referee and behave badly on and off the pitch.

I agree with the statement that footballers are role models and do behave badly. This does mean that some children will copy their behaviour and think that it is exceptable to cheat, swear and take drugs.

Boxing-Up Sheet: Complete

<p>Opening paragraph engages with the question and deals with initial response to the various elements of the question.</p> <p>Opinion expressed.</p> <p>To/Too</p> <p>Could have been a little more engaging for the reader. A little bland at the start.</p>
<p>Specific player used to make key point of petulant behaviour on the pitch.</p> <p>Synthesis skills used from the reading section as well as an appropriate and specific example.</p> <p>A well developed paragraph addressing both aspects of CR.</p> <p>Punctuation issues in this paragraph.</p>
<p>Interesting contrast made with rugby in terms of behaviour and pay. Again, a specific (and recent) example is used to show understanding of issues.</p> <p>Wayne Rooney used as contrast here to illustrate a personal opinion.</p> <p>Range of sentences in this paragraph.</p> <p>Specific example of Rooney's behaviour would have helped perhaps.</p> <p>Oponents</p> <p>Was/were</p>
<p>Reading information is used here to illustrate poor behaviour again. Some of the points are valid here but others do seem a little extreme. Do children really bite someone because a player did it? Behaviour towards the referee may have been a more appropriate point to make.</p> <p>Aswell</p> <p>Sentencing at start of the paragraph</p>
<p>Use of reading material to make contrast between male and female players and develop an effective point about profile of the two games and what a role model is.</p> <p>Roll</p> <p>Most? Is that fair? The majority? Many?</p>
<p>There is a sense of closure here and it does deal with the statement in the question but final paragraph is generally quite weak and does not summarise the points made very effectively.</p> <p>Exceptable!</p>

This piece of exposition writing does present ideas and explanations throughout and shows the ability to synthesise a range of reading materials. The writing is mostly coherent and interesting. There is understanding of how to engage with the reader and develop a piece of writing in sequence. Lack of connectives has impact on cohesion. 12/20

Language is used with precision and control is generally sound. Most spelling is accurate and a range of sentences are used. 9/15

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Sample Answer 2

If you walk around any town or city in the world you will undoubtedly see children wearing Premier League football jerseys emblazoned with the names of their heroes. I wouldn't mind betting my substantial weekly pocket money that there is a child in Timbuktu walking around wearing a Manchester United shirt with Rooney on the back or a Ronaldo Real Madrid top. This illustrates that these players are heroes to people all over the world and, as such, are role models. Let's face it, we try to emulate our heroes don't we? That makes them role models then surely.

However, this does not necessarily mean that all footballers behave in an appalling manner. Most of us would consider teachers to be role models for their students. Does this mean that all teachers display appropriate behaviour at all times in their professional and private lives? No, of course it doesn't! But the vast majority do and they are let down by a very small minority.

Firstly, if we take a really close look at one of the most high profile successful footballers in the world, Cristiano Ronaldo, and look beyond the arrogant, single-minded and selfish individual on the pitch. It is fascinating to learn that he has donated millions of pounds to charity and is, in fact, the most charitable sportsperson in the world. The range of causes he has supported include paying for brain surgery for a young fan and donating £5 million to the Nepal earthquake appeal. To be honest, I am prepared to tolerate the on-field histrionics and the arrogant statements if this is an example of his off-field generosity. It is not actually his fault that this is rarely reported in the press. Ronaldo may be the perfect example of a role model.

Furthermore, that there are clearly many other examples of footballers being incredibly generous with their time and money. Ashley Williams of Swansea City has set up his own charity to support local youngsters and Angel Rangel, also of Swansea City, was recently seen handing out food parcels to the homeless people of the city. On a larger scale, Didier Drogba has his own foundation in Ivory Coast and this has contributed to the building of hospitals and health centres. I would imagine that most of us are prepared to forgive the odd dive or rant at the referee.

Another perfect example of footballers behaving brilliantly is the women's game. The recent world cup was the perfect illustration of good on-field behaviour. I do accept that rolling around as if you have been shot, shouting abuse at the referee and cheating at every opportunity is something that blights the male game. However, in the women's game, the players get up almost immediately after every challenge and respect the decision of the referee. The acceptance of gay players like Casey Stoner of England is something to be proud of and clearly in advance of the men's game.

Finally, I must say that I only partially agree with the initial statement. Footballers are clearly role models to youngsters and some if their on-field behaviour is poor and will be copied. However, the statement does suggest that all footballers are the same. I have attempted to show that there are many examples of positive role models in football and believe that the press would rather write a story of a player biting someone than a player going through an entire career without being booked or changing the lives of people in need.

Boxing-Up Sheet: Complete

Engaging opening linked to the title. Sophisticated vocabulary: emblazoned/emulate. Deals with the key issues of the question - what is a role model? Specific examples used for impact - Timbuktu/Real Madrid/Ronaldo/Rooney.
Links to previous paragraph. Interesting link to teachers as role models to illustrate that a minority can let a majority down. 'However' adds to the cohesion.
Appropriate connective to begin main body of the essay. Strong paragraph on CR as role model. Deals with some of the poor behaviour but focus is on the positives. Well selected evidence from reading section - good synthesis skills.
'Furthermore' More specific positive examples explored from the reading and own knowledge. Again, acknowledges the negatives but essay tone is clearly moving towards only partly agreeing with the initial statement.
More good synthesis skills. Vocab 'blights' used appropriately from the reading section. Specific example - Casey Stoner.
Strong conclusion dealing with the each element of the original statement and focusing on the positive behaviour.

This piece of exposition writing is mature and perceptive. Sustained, effective and engaging. Appropriate register. Well developed ideas. Coherent and sophisticated. 20/20

Wide range of ambitious and appropriate vocabulary. Varied sentence structure. Controlled and accurate. Range of punctuation. 15/15

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