

In today's society, tattoos are everywhere. I'm going to discuss some points that aren't usually considered regarding tattoos.

We used to associate tattoos with people of dubious reputation. Nowadays, that stereotype is changing. It is not uncommon to see businessmen, mothers and other "serious" people with tattoos, although those who cover their bodies from head to toe with images in ink might tend to live more unconventional lives.

If you have a tattoo, you will probably remember the pain you felt while having it done. On the other hand, many people often return to this ritual time and time again despite the fact that it is so painful. Some suggest that tattoos are addictive. Why else would someone want to be stuck over and over in the arm or on the back with a sharp needle?

A final point is whether tattoos can be harmful to your health. Since tattoos have become such a fashion statement, more and more tattoo and piercing parlors are popping up. More competition means that these places must do their best to maintain hygienic conditions and provide their customers with a guarantee that their own establishments are safe.

In summary, getting a tattoo is not something you should do without some consideration. To tattoo, or not to tattoo? You make the decision.

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In this composition, I'm going to discuss choosing a career. It is one of the most important decisions that everyone must make at some point in their lives.

When I decided on a career in the Spanish Air Force, I took several things into consideration. First, I have always been interested in the armed forces; second, a job with the air force is a guarantee for life. On the other hand, if I had chosen a career that didn't interest me, I would probably not be as satisfied with my life as I am now.

When it comes time for my children to choose a career, I will certainly encourage them to do whatever most interests them, provided they have done some serious thinking first. Hopefully it will be something they love but also something that can earn them a decent living.

Actually, I have never really imagined myself doing anything other than working for the Spanish Air Force. However, I could now see myself as a civilian air traffic controller, or as a telecommunications expert in a multinational company.

In conclusion, we can be sure that our choice of career is a decision that is of utmost importance in shaping who we are.

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Noise pollution is an issue of growing concern these days. In this composition, I will discuss some types of noise pollution, some attempts to solve this problem and finally offer an opinion of my own.

Citizens often complain about the noise from planes flying overhead or from pubs and discotheques nearby. Car alarms, jackhammers, dogs barking – all of these are potential sources of noise pollution. Young people yelling and singing in the streets until all hours of the morning can also be a problem.

Local administrations have tried to restrict these potential noise makers in several ways. They have required bars to close before 3:00 a.m., given traffic fines to cars that are double-parked (which often leads to others honking their horns for hours) and restricted take-off and landing times at local airports.

I feel that all of these measures are justified, although the government should realize its limitations and not make noise pollution a matter of never-ending concern. Newer sources of noise pollution will always occur despite more and more regulations. Actually, it has been shown that some city dwellers are incapable of living without the sounds of the city!

In summary, noise pollution is a serious concern but trying to prevent it might be more stressful than the noise itself.

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Mobile Phones: An Investment or a Waste of Money?

Mobile phones have become a part of our everyday lives, but have they become a benefit or a liability?

Mobile phones are popular for various reasons. The ability to speak to someone who is kilometers away no matter where you are is convenient and essential for many businessmen. What is more, features such as wireless Internet connection, downloadable games, and mp3 players make mobile phones even more attractive.

On the other hand, the mobile phone could be considered an unnecessary expense. Keeping in touch with friends can be cheaper by using a land line. Furthermore, some “techie” view the mobile phone as a sign of prestige – they delight in showing off their latest mobile despite making use of only 10 or 20 percent of the features the phone offers.

Another issue to consider is whether the use of mobile phones can cause health problems. It has been said that excessive use can lead to cancer, although I don't know whether this has ever been proven. It has been observed, however, that too much mobile phone use can lead to addiction.

In conclusion, we should ask ourselves if we really need so much communication and so many fancy gadgets. In that way, we can ensure that mobile phones continue being a benefit and not a liability.

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Good public transport is a luxury that we enjoy in Madrid. In this composition, I'm going to discuss some benefits and challenges related to public transport.

Not only does using a well-maintained transportation system help to improve the environment by creating fewer and less-toxic emissions, it also cuts down on the amount of road traffic. As a result, we can get where we are going more quickly and more conveniently.

Nevertheless, as the popularity of public transportation rises, the city must make adjustments to accommodate this increase in demand. In Madrid, for instance, the city council has worked to expand the underground system, build a new light rail and add hundreds of new, more modern buses to the existing fleet. But in spite of making it possible for everyone to use public transport, many people still continue to use their cars.

Therefore, we may need more incentives to persuade compulsive drivers to take the bus or the underground. While the new stations (and the resulting convenience) represent one such incentive, lowering fares might be another– it seems that ticket prices go up by at least fifty cents annually. The addition of more trains to cut down on overcrowding and waiting times could also be useful in attracting passengers.

In summary, public transport is essential in any large urban area. Ensuring that it is utilized to the fullest extent should be an important governmental priority.

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Bullfighting has been a topic of controversy for some time. In this composition, I will discuss bullfighting in terms of its origin and significance. I will also offer my own views on the spectacle.

While bullfighting is a tradition which is popular in most Hispanic countries, it actually had its origins in ancient Greece. It is no longer practiced in Greece but can be found in Portugal and France.

Bullfighting undoubtedly forms an important part of Spanish heritage. Spain has often been romanticized in literature through depictions of bullfighting and *toreros*. What would become of all the tourist shops in the Plaza Mayor if they could no longer sell t-shirts or statues which glorify bullfighting? Furthermore, the breeding of bulls has become an activity as distinguished as winemaking.

Proponents of bullfighting say these bulls are bred specially for the purpose of ending up in a bullring, and therefore would not exist if bullfighting didn't exist or were abolished. But that to me does not seem a valid excuse for the pain and suffering these poor animals must endure. When one goes on to consider the horrible injuries often suffered by bullfighters, bullfighting appears to be a senseless ritual whose time is up.

In summary, it seems that bullfighting is a tradition which is sure to attract controversy for years to come.

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