

Strategy 6 Add details by giving some information about your country.

Exercise 1:

¹ Write **Good** next to the *three paragraphs* that explain the details about information from the country.

² Write **Not Good** next to the *three paragraphs* that do not explain the details about information from the country.

- _____ 1. Families can benefit from not watching TV. Instead of watching TV, families should spend time together talking or playing games, or even going for a walk. Also, if the TV isn't on, a family is more apt to enjoy quiet time reading. In my country, people don't watch much TV.
- _____ 2. Families can benefit from not watching TV. In my country, TV programs are broadcast only from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The rest of the day, there are no programs, so people spend their free time talking to, and taking walks with, their family members.
- _____ 3. Another good source of energy is the wind. Many years ago in my country, Denmark, we decided that we didn't want to have nuclear power. Instead, we began to rely on windmills. Now, we are getting 7% of our electricity from wind mills. By 2030, we expect this to rise to 50%.
- _____ 4. Another good source of energy is the wind. Wind, unlike oil, is a good source because we never have to worry about running out of it. Also, every year wind mills are improving in design, meaning that they can produce energy more efficiently. In my country, Denmark, we use a lot of windmills for energy.
- _____ 5. Competition among high school students can have not only positive effects, but also some negative ones. I've noticed a common way that American high school students try to show their superiority. It is by the clothes that they wear. Some of them spend a lot of money in order to look more fashionable than their classmates. In my country, high school students have to wear uniforms, so we don't have this problem.
- _____ 6. Competition among high school students can have not only positive effects, but also some negative ones. I've noticed a common way that American high school students try to show their superiority. It is by the clothes that they wear. This is not a problem in my country because all high school students have to wear uniforms. Because everyone dresses the same, nobody knows whose family is rich or poor. Also, students don't feel the need to buy the most recent fashion because nobody is wearing them. Although some students complain about their uniforms, most students realize the advantages.

Exercise 2:

¹ Choose two topics.

² Write a paragraph *for both topics*. Include information about your country.

Topics

1. A marriage [arranged by parents / in which young people choose their own partners] is best.
2. _____ is an invention that has had an important effect on people's lives.
3. Global warming has some serious effects on our environment.
4. There are some [advantages / disadvantages] to having children.
5. For people who are unpopular, there are some techniques that they can use to improve their relationships.
6. If a factory is causing a lot of air pollution, it [should / should not] be forced to close, even if it means that some people will lose their job.
7. There are some important steps that we can take to lower the crime rate among teenagers.
8. There are several reasons why _____ is a great web site.
9. A smartphone can be extremely useful.
10. There are some techniques that students can use to improve their grades.
11. Old people should live [with their children / in a nursing home].
12. There are some unusual superstitions.
13. Telling a lie can have some [positive / negative] results.
14. Money does not mean happiness.
15. People who don't get enough sleep tend to make mistakes.
16. There are several ways that a [city / school / _____] can be improved