M.S 4 Written Expression in the BEM From 2006 Until 2019

BEM 2019

Your English pen-friend has just sent you an email telling you about the eating habits of his/ her country. Write an email in which you tell him/ her about the Algerian eating habits.

Write about:

- ✓ The different kinds of food Algerians eat.
- ✓ Algerian eating manners.
- ✓ Some traditional dishes.

Suggested key:

June 10th, 2019

Dear friend!

How are you? I miss you so much! I hope you're happy and doing well. It feels wonderful to write to you again.

This time, I'm very excited to tell you about the eating habits in my country Algeria. All meals (normally three a day) are leisurely and sociable affairs, although there are varying degrees of structure and etiquette. Algerian people usually seat at the traditional low-to-the-ground table (called the mida), food is traditionally eaten with the thumb, forefinger, and middle finger of the right hand. If someone use four or five fingers he's overstepping the bounds of good taste as this is considered to be a sign of over-eating and should be avoided. Menus usually begin with either a soup or salad, followed by roast meat (usually lamb or beef) or fish as a main course, with fresh fruit commonly completing the meal. The national and favorite meal is couscous, or other traditional dishes like "Harira, Thrida, Berkoukes, Chakhchoukha, etc,…

I wish this information will meet your interest and expectations.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. Please write back!

Take care and with my best wishes.
Your friend

BEM 2018

Nowadays, the new inventions in technology have made big changes in our life .

Publish a short article (6 to 8 lines) on your Facebook page about advantages and disadvantages of one of these inventions (robots, smart phones, computers …)

Write about:

-the new invention.
-its use / benefits...
- its negative points..

Suggested key:

In the world today, people cannot live without technologies such as televisions, mobile phones, computers and others.
These technologies have slowly taken an essential part in people's day-to-day lives and being without them would be unimaginable for some of us.

To understand technology, one must know what it provides in terms of advantages, but also disadvantages.

First, the evolution of technology is beneficial to humans for several reasons. At the medical level, technology can help treat more sick people and consequently save many lives and combat very harmful viruses and bacteria. Second, the invention of the computer was a very important point. Communication is thus enhanced, and companies can communicate more easily with foreign countries. Third, research is also simplified. Fourth, technology has also increased the productivity of almost every industry in the world. Fifth, in the modern industrial world, machines carry out most of the agricultural and industrial work and as a result, workers produce much more goods than a century ago and work less. They have more time to exercise and work in safer environments.

On the other hand, the evolution of modern technology has disadvantages, for example, dependence on new technology. Man no longer needs to think. Even if the calculator is a good invention, man no longer makes mental calculation and no longer works his memory. The decline of human capital implies an increase in unemployment. In some areas, devices can replace the human mind .

Finally, as most technological discoveries aim to reduce human effort, it would imply that more work is done by machines. This equates to less work for people: the human is becoming ever so obsolete by the day, as processes become automated and jobs are made redundant. The negative impact of the influence of technology on children should not be underestimated as well.

BEM 2017

You are a member of a green club and want to do something for your school environment. Write an article for your school magazine about how to make your school cleaner and more beautiful.

Write about:

-cleaning up your school.
-planting trees and flowers.
- collecting rubbish and decorating the classrooms..

Suggested key:

Few years ago, I admitted in a new green club in my hometown called "The Green Hands". This club cares about the surrounding environment.

Last week, our teacher of English asked us to write articles for the school magazine. I found a great idea which is how to make our school an attractive, modern, well equipped building with clean area and a garden where students can relax when the weather is good.

My idea is to clean up the school yard from rubbish and dirty, flowering, and trees campaigns, as well as decorating our classrooms.

This idea impressed all students and teachers and decided to make it every month because living in a clean place is the goal of everyone.

BEM 2016

Your classmate is always suffering before exams and becomes very anxious. She / He asks you before the B.E.M exam for advice to avoid this stress. Send her / him an email in which you suggest some pieces of advice.

Write about:

- planning before exams.
- revising in pairs or in group.
- relaxing and having a healthy diet.

Suggested key:

Dear friend,

I am very happy because you asked me in your last email for help. So, I'm sure now that things are going to change. I'm going to give you some advice and I hope you will respect them.

First of all, you need to know that it is quite normal to feel some anxiety about exams, so being anxious does not mean that you are weak. In fact, a certain level of stress can be very helpful - it can motivate us, be exciting and enable us to reach higher. You might be worried you are going to fail or that you won't get the grades you need for the exam. Second, organize your revision time. Leave plenty of time to revise so that you don't get into a situation of having to do last minute. Third, develop a timetable so that you can track and monitor your progress. Make sure you allow time for fun and relaxation so that you avoid burning out. Try to choose your revision in pair or in group. Fourth, experiment with several alternative revision techniques so that revision is more fun and your motivation to study is high. Fifth, don't drink too much coffee, tea and fizzy drinks; eat healthily and regularly; your brain will benefit from the nutrients. Sixth, regular moderate exercise will boost your energy, clear your mind and reduce any feelings of stress.

Finally, try out some yoga, tai chi or relaxation techniques. They will help to keep you feeling calm and balanced, improve your concentration levels and help you to sleep better.

Love

Your best friend

BEM 2015

You have watched a documentary about endangered species. You feel sorry for and concerned with these animals being killed. Write an article for the school magazine about animals in danger of extinction to raise your classmates' awareness about this problem.

Write about:

- causes (human, natural …)
- consequences (disappearance of some animals …)
- possible solutions (individual, collective and government measures…)

Suggested key:

I have just watched a documentary about endangered species of animals. I really got unhappy to see many kinds of animals being killed in several parts of the world. People are killing animals, insects, reptiles and fish such as whales, bears, pandas, monkeys, foxes and elephants for different reasons: for their meat, fur, ivory and even for fun.

Killing this large number of animals is becoming a great problem as many species disappeared, and some others will disappear very soon.

To find a way or to stop this great problem, we should be aware and concerned as individuals or organisations and strict governmental should be taken such a punishing people who hunt and

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fish out of seasons. Animals' habitats must be controlled by organisations and nations to save rare species of animals.

BEM 2014

A Brazilian friend of yours knows that Algeria is going to participate in the 2014 Football World Cup. He / She wants to have more information about Algeria.

Write him / her a letter telling him / her about:

- Situation / area / population
- Capital / main cities
- Famous for

Suggested key:

June 10th, 2014

Hi Roberto,

How are you? I miss you so much! I hope you're happy and doing well. It feels wonderful to write to you again. This time, I'm very excited to tell you about my country Algeria.

Algeria is a country in the Maghreb region of North Africa on the Mediterranean coast. With a total area of 2,381,741 square kilometres, Algeria is the tenth-largest country in the world, and the largest in Africa and in the Mediterranean. The country is bordered in the northeast by Tunisia, in the east by Libya, in the west by Morocco, in the southwest by Western Sahara, Mauritania, and Mali, in the southeast by Niger, and in the north by the Mediterranean Sea. It has a population of 37.9 million; it is the 35th most populated country on Earth. The weather is cold in winter and hot in summer. Its capital and most populous city is Algiers. Oran, in the west and Annaba in the east of the country are the main cities in my country. Arabic is the official language.

Algeria is famous for its fascinating sites including the UNESCO heritage sites, Hoggar and Tassili, its vast Sahara in the south, its most beautiful beaches and forests, and Raï Music as well.

I wish this information will meet your interest and expectations.

Hope to hear from you soon. Please write back!

Take care

BEM 2013

Your English penfriend asked you for information about the middle school system in Algeria to write an article for her / his school magazine. Write her / him a letter about the Algerian middle school system.

Write about:

- The subjects you study
- School regulations (Rights and duties)
- Term exams / BEM Famous for

Suggested key:

Dear friend,

How are you? I miss you so much! I hope you're happy and doing well. It feels wonderful to write to you again. This time, I'm very excited to tell you about middle school system in my country.

In Algeria, students go to middle school from ages of 10 or 11 to 16. Middle schools include four grades (from MS1 to MS4). All the students study the same subjects. Besides Arabic, French, Maths, Natural Science, Physics and Social Sciences; they study English

language, music, painting and sport.

School days start at 8 o'clock in the morning and finish at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Students don't have to wear school uniforms but they have to put on pinafores in all schools. At breaks, we mustn't stay in class. We take ten minutes rest in the playground. During class lessons, students have to behave correctly and wisely towards the teacher and their mates. Otherwise, they will be punished.

Algerian school year runs from early September to early July (10 months). The school year is divided into three terms of study. At the end of each term, students take exams in all subjects and in the last school year (MS4), they all take a national exam called BEM.

I wish these information will meet your interest and expectations and I hope to hear from you soon. Please write back! Take care .

Your friend,

BEM 2012

Today, many people in your country prefer to get the news online.

Write a paragraph of 8 lines in which you can use the following ideas:

- gain time
- different news
- almost free
- get the news where and when you want.

Suggested key:

As of the end of 2010, more people in the world and specially in Algeria get their news via the internet than from newspapers or TV. This for several reasons: First, you gain time. Second, you can get different news from several countries. Third, you can share good or bad news with your friends quickly. Fourth, when you read your paper online you save money because it's almost free. Finally, you can get the news where and when you want even you are lying in your bed.

BEM 2011

You received e letter from your friend. She/ He told you about her / his holidays. She/ He would like to know how you spent your holidays.

Write her/ him a letter. Tell her/ him what you did.

Write about:

- the place you went to (abroad/another town/ or stayed at home)
- what you did (your activities during the holidays)
- your feelings

Suggested key:

Dear friend,

Thank you for your recent letter. It is so wonderful to hear from you! I am very glad that you had a good vacation. In your letter you ask me how I spent my summer. I think that most people spend the summer on the shores, swimming and sunbathing. As for me, I also spent a wonderful vacation. First, I lived with my parents in the Sahara. The weather was hot and I swam a lot with my friends in the swimming-pools in my town. We played soccer and rode bicycles.

And in August we went to Tunisia with my family. It is a nice place in the Mediterranean with a wonderful climate. We swam in the sea and were having a very nice tour of the city. We travelled along the mountain paths (ways) and played a lot of games. Moreover, I had a lot of

new friends! Anyway, it was a memorable summer.

However, I already want to school, I miss my school friends. Sorry, I must go. I will write to you soon again!

All the best,
Your friend,

BEM 2010

In his last letter your pen friend Nadir informed you about intonation to come and visit you.

Write a letter telling him what you are going to do when he comes.

Talk about:

- places to visit
- activities to do (photos, sightseeing, …)
- people to meet.

Suggested key:

Dear Nadir,

I'm very happy to know that you are going to come and visit me. My family and I will be pleased to receive you. When you will be with us, I'm going to introduce to you all my friends. Then, we are going to visit the most interesting places in my town and the most attractive places in Algeria such as: Maqam El-Eshahid, the Roman ruins in Tipaza and Batna and all the museums. We will take several photos, buy souvenirs, eat traditional food.

Finally, I'll invite you to a big concert to know more about the cultural part of the Algerian music. It'll be my surprise for you. There, we'll meet a lot of people. They're really cheerful, helpful and thoughtful.

I'm sure you won't forget your stay with us. See you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Your friend

BEM 2009

A lot of children, in the world, do not go to school because they have to work to help their parents. You feel concerned about this problem.

Write an article for your school magazine about children's rights.

These hints can help you:

- children's protection (education / health / food …)
- children's leisure (games / sports …)

Suggested key:

Children's rights are human rights specifically adapted to the child because they take into account his fragility, specificities and age-appropriate needs. They protect the child as a human being. As human rights, children's rights are constituted by fundamental guarantees and essential human rights: The right to life, the right to identity, the right to live with his parents, the right to education, the right to benefit from a protection, the right of being in a good health and the right to have enough food.

Also, children have the right to rest and leisure, to engage in sport and play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.

BEM 2008

The editor of the school magazine wishes to publish some articles about the means of transport.

You are really interested in this topic. Write an article about the means of transport you prefer.

The following hints can help you:

- plane / boat / train …….
- cheap / expensive …….
- comfortable …….
- quick …….
- safe …….

Suggested key:

Could you be able to imagine our life without mean of transport? Could you live normally without your car, trains, planes, bikes, buses, taxies ?

I think that we couldn't. These days people are addicted to these things, almost nobody travels only on foot. The cause of it is development of technology, because of we have possibilities of travelling faster, and more pleasantly.

If I have to decide which mean of transport I like most, right out it will be a car. Nowadays it is really necessary for me and my family.

Firstly, the most important advantage of travelling by car is independence from timetables. It saves really a lot of my time, because I need not stand an overcrowded station or waiting for bus on bus stop. Moreover, I can travel wherever I want, not only while for example bus goes. Secondly, car takes me from door to door, I go exactly where and when I want. Thirdly automobiles are very comfortable and safe nowadays. If somebody travels by bus he have to travel with other people, and often there are no places to sit. It is very tiresome and distasteful. It is the reason why more and more young people are going to pass driving tests. If they have their own car they don't have to waste time. Cars also saves our time because of being very speedy especially in a short distances.

BEM 2007

Your schoolmates have created an association because they want to live in a clean district. Interview one of its members for your school magazine and write down the conversation.

You can use the following clues to help you.

- when you started the association
- name of the association

activities (what you did / are doing)

Suggested key:

A : Hello Sir! How are you?

B : Hello! I'm fine, thanks.

A : So, we know that you 're a member on this association which is called "Flower of life". First of all, why did you choose this name ?

B : As you know the flower is logically nice and has a good smelt, for this reason we choose this name because we want our district to be clean and wonderful. It is a nice name, isn't it?

A : Sure! May you tell me the date that your association started on?

B : "Flower of life" began on June 10th 2006.

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A : What are the activities that you did or you're still doing in this association?

B : Our main aim is to make the districts wonderful so, we're working to clean them by choosing a suite place to threw the rubbish and we tell people who live in this district about the danger that may result if they didn't take care of their distraction.

A : Thank you very much Sir for these important information which will help me to do my school magazine article.

B : You're welcome.

BEM 2006

Fill in the gaps so that the text makes sense.

Ahmed's teacher asked him to ……..an article …….languages. He went to ……. cybercafé. There he learnt that Esperanto …….an artificial language which was invented …….1887. It sounds like Italian and …….are no irregular verbs.

Suggested key:

Ahmed's teacher asked him to write an article about languages. He went to a / the cybercafé. There he learnt that Esperanto is an artificial language which was invented in 1887. It sounds like Italian and there are no irregular verbs.