

Temptations

At one time or another we all feel tempted to do something which may be unwise or even wrong. These temptations can be felt in many different situations. How do we deal with them?

Choose **one** of the topics. You have 100 minutes to write your text. Write **at least 300** but **not more than 600** words. Make sure you have time to check what you have written.

Topic 1 – Discuss

Title: Innocent Fun or Dangerous Possibilities?

Issues Today, a weekly magazine, will focus their next issue on temptations and pushing the limits.

Write your contribution to the magazine, discussing what different kinds of temptations people today are faced with. Support your discussion by giving examples from the texts you have read and/or from your own experience.

You may wish to consider some of the following questions:

- What kinds of temptations are people faced with in today's society?
- What makes us "follow the crowd"? What positive and negative aspects of "peer pressure" can you identify?
- How can we handle temptations responsibly?
- What role does risk-taking play when it comes to temptations?
- In what way might temptations be an important part of the growing-up process? Pushing your own limits?
- How do you find out what is right or wrong for you?

"Things forbidden have a secret charm."
(*Publius Cornelius Tacitus, Roman historian*)

Topic 2 – Argue

Title: _____ (= **one** of the titles below)

Issues Today, a weekly magazine, is running a debate on temptations and the consequences of pushing your own limits.

Write your contribution, taking a stand on **one** of the issues below. Try to convince your reader that your position is the right one and remember to bring up some of the counterarguments as well. Define your issue clearly. Develop and support your arguments with examples.

Use **one** of the following titles for your text:

- Title: Don't Do Drugs**
- Title: Gambling Might Lead to Trouble**
- Title: Have Fun – Drink Less**
- Title: Have Fun – Don't Drink**
- Title: Smoking Ruins Your Health**
- Title: You Look Good the Way You Are**

Lead me not into temptation;
I can find the way myself.
(Rita Mae Brown 1944–)

I can resist anything
but temptation.
(Oscar Wilde 1854–1900)

It's all right letting yourself go, as long as you can get yourself back again.
(Mick Jagger 1943–)

The trouble with resisting temptation is it may never come your way again.
(Korman's Law)

