

## Writing –Unit 10

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better for elders to take risks and explore new things than young people.

Steps –

Structure – introduction to topic – general statement about the topic – what you are going to be talking about, your opinion, knowing failure and learning, overcoming fear, conclusion

What is risk?

Grab – embrace, take, seek out, find

Comfort zone – stepping outside boundaries

Different ages – different generations, elderly, seniors, senior citizens, young people, teens, youth,

Each step – each milestone

To many people, risk is staring danger in the face and living to tell the tale. Though, risk is a lot broader than that. Essentially, it is allowing yourself to grow every single day, embracing creativity, pushing personal boundaries and exploring the new. It is by taking risks that allow us to develop as individuals. Each step that we take beyond our personal comfort zones is a small victory, and while not every step will be a success, we still need to celebrate them, as we grow a little more each time.

Asked whether a particular segment of society should be open to taking more risk therefore, is wrong. Every one of us should take calculated risks throughout life and be happy when the opportunities present themselves. Children, youth and the elderly each have a responsibility to never stop growing.

A child learning to walk for the first time has many failures, but he/she knows not to give up. As adults, we encourage the child, acknowledging each milestone. This child continues to grow. He/she learns not only how to walk, but a host of other skills, such as patience, determination and tenacity. Every generation can learn a lot from this example.

Public speaking isn't necessarily an area that immediately pops to mind when we think about taking a chance. Yet it is one of the biggest fears that many of us face at some stage in life. I myself have been there. I remember walking onto the stage for the first time to give a speech. Certainly, it wasn't an award winning presentation however, the audience to their credit encouraged me to continue my learning. Therefore this small stumble is what I needed to continue my growth and development.

Every generation should take a flying leap forward and grab hold of the challenges that come throughout life. We need to be thankful that not every road is straight and accept that risk is a part of growing. Adding a little bit of risk, adds color to the world of everyone, both young and old alike.

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### Steps

Analogy – for enquiring mind, skip a stone

Structure – introduction - enquiring mind, younger people reasons, older people reasons, conclusion that links back to the start

Why keep an active mind – sharp, communication, generation gap,

Work perspective Vs personal perspective

Where do we learn – school, Internet, each other, learn by trying, groups

Why learn – money, time, knowledge, participation, competition, interest, love

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As the enquiring mind of a child skims a stone across the surface of the water for the first time, he/she marvels at the number of times it bounces before making a rapid decent to the bottom. Life is no different for each of us. It is by keeping an enquiring mind that we keep our minds sharp on the journey from youth to maturity. Life starts to wane only when we choose to stop learning. On the other hand, for those of us who readily embrace possibility, life is a fantastic roller coaster ride.

To younger people, education in all its forms, allows them to make a valuable contribution to the society in which they play a part. School certainly forms the cornerstone of this learning, however that is just the first stage. From a work perspective, students must then develop more practical skills, management skills and be prepared to keep pace with the changes in the industry that they choose. On a personal level, they must seek out as many opportunities as possible, as it is only through experience that we develop understanding.

Improving the knowledge base for older generations is also vital, though the motivating factors behind this increased learning may be somewhat different. They may no longer be motivated my monetary gain or because of competitive spirit, but that doesn't mean that they stop contributing. Every new skill and piece of knowledge that they learn can be shared. You don't even have to leave home to learn anymore. With the Internet, developing a new skill is only a click away.

As a result, the older members of the community also reduce the generation gap. Being able to hold a conversation about the latest news, technology or advances in science with the young people maintains open communication. My own father is a perfect example of this. Although retired, he is still able to teach us something new and knows more about the advances in technology than my siblings and I combined.

The importance of learning cannot be understated for every segment of our society. Each of us should try to maintain the curiosity of a child. Given the opportunity, pick up a stone and skim it across the water and life will reward you in kind.