

WRITING SYNTHESIS: Lesson 10 - Child Labour

Socio-Economic Issues, Superlative Structures & Essay Finalization

Objective: Master child labour statistics, superlative grammar, and paragraph refinement **Track:** Secondary Level

1. Core Thematic Concepts

This lesson explores global child labour statistics, working conditions, and primary causes:

A. Statistical Trends (ILO Data)

- **Highest Percentage:** Asia consistently recorded the highest numbers of working children, followed by Africa.
- **Lowest Percentage:** Europe and Oceania recorded the lowest percentages.
- **Trends:** Child labour has been decreasing in Asia but increasing in Africa.

B. Causes and Consequences

- **Main Causes:** Extreme poverty, family survival needs, and educational barriers (lack of schools, distance, low quality of education).
- **Consequences:** Extreme exploitation, long hours, low wages, health hazards, abuse, deprivation, and hindered physical/mental development.

2. Key Vocabulary Bank

Essential terms for discussing socio-economic issues:

- **Estimated (par. 1):** Calculated approximately.
- **Manufacturing (par. 1):** Making goods by industrial process.
- **Endure (par. 2):** To suffer something that is painful.
- **Contribute (par. 4):** To help to cause something.

3. Grammar Focus: Superlatives

Expressing extreme attributes:

- **Structures:** *the + adjective-est* (e.g., *the longest*) or *the most + adjective* (e.g., *the most important*), as well as irregular forms like *the worst*.
- **Function:** To compare one item/group against all others in a specific category, highlighting the highest or lowest degree.

4. Writing Process: Final Polish & Portfolio Storage

Finalizing Your Paragraph:

- Review your paragraph on the mobile phone developed across previous lessons.
- Check for flow, logical connectors, correct quantifiers, and accurate grammar.
- Store the finalized writing safely in your portfolio file for future evaluations.