

DIRECTED WRITING



Directed Writing- 1

Animal testing: a necessary research tool

As a veterinarian who has spent three decades in biomedical research in university and industry, I know that animal testing saves lives and I worry about deceptive claims from extremist groups about the need for animal research.

Animal studies are necessary for advancing human and animal health and have played a vital role in virtually every major medical advance. This includes lifesaving drugs and vaccines, new surgical procedures and improved diagnosis of disease.

A hallmark of humanity is our ability to care about other species. It is understandably difficult for people to reconcile this empathy with support of animal studies for medical advances that cure disease and improve the quality of life.

Animal rights extremists prey on this discomfort and count on society's general lack of scientific insight to advance their agenda. These extremists knowingly misrepresent the ability of computers and emerging scientific techniques to serve as viable substitutes for animal studies.

Government regulations around the world require that new drugs, vaccines and surgical implants first be tested on animals for potential toxic reactions. Beyond these formal requirements, research into the causes of disease at the genetic level and how diseases become resistant to treatments cannot be simulated by computer programs or duplicated in test tubes.

Although technology cannot yet replace much animal research, researchers are committed to finding new ways to reduce and replace animal testing. This ethical commitment is embodied in strict animal welfare protocols at most university, government and industrial laboratories.

Dr George Poste (www.azcentral.com)

What's wrong with testing on animals?

Every year, millions of animals are poisoned, blinded and killed in crude tests to evaluate the toxicity of consumer products and their ingredients. Rats, mice, rabbits and other animals are forced to swallow or inhale huge quantities of a test substance or endure the pain of a chemical eating away at their sensitive eyes and skin. But the suffering and death of these animals is entirely unnecessary in making products like your shampoo, eye shadow and toilet cleaner. No law requires animal testing of cosmetics, personal care or cleaning products, so manufacturers have no excuse for inflicting suffering on animals. Companies that test these products on animals should be boycotted until they change to a non-animal-testing policy.

You may think companies that test on animals do so for your safety, but these tests usually aren't reliable in determining a chemical's effect on humans. Reactions can vary greatly from species to species so it is difficult to form any conclusions about what a substance will do to humans by testing it on rabbits. Animal tests also tend to be more expensive than alternative methods, making them both unkind and inefficient.

Many of the companies that manufacture cosmetics and household products have turned away from animal testing in favour of various non-animal test methods available today. The best way to pressure the remaining companies to stop animal testing is to boycott their products.

Global Action Network (www.gan.ca)

Question 1

Write a speech for a debate with your class about testing medicines and cosmetics on animals.

In your speech you should:

evaluate the ideas and opinions in both texts

give your own views, based on what you have read about animal testing.

Base your article on what you have read in both texts but be careful to use your own words.

Address both of the bullet points.

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing. [25]

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Read **both** the texts and answer Question 1.

Text A

Geet, 23

Nothing beats a sun-soaked day by the ocean, and for good reason.

Beaches provide an escape. Whether you want to lounge on the sand with a good book or swim in the refreshing waves, there's something for everyone. The sound of the waves and the sea breeze create a calming environment, helping to unwind from daily stress.

Watching a sunrise or sunset over the ocean, collecting seashells, or spotting dolphins and crabs can be both humbling and exhilarating. They create a connection with nature and give you memories that last a lifetime.

Families and friends can enjoy activities and bond together. Beaches are also a fantastic choice for solo travelers looking for tranquility or the chance to meet new people.

There's also many opportunities for adventure like snorkeling, scuba diving, surfing or kayaking that can be exciting for people who chase the thrill.

For anyone craving a getaway, the beach is undoubtedly the ultimate destination.

Text B

Aditya, 24

Mountains offer a far superior getaway experience... if you've never been to the mountains have you even lived?

Mountains are ideal for those who love solitude. Unlike crowded beaches, mountain trails provide a serene environment where you can disconnect from the hustle of daily life. The crisp, cool air and breathtaking views are refreshing in a way that no sandy shore can match.

For adventure enthusiasts, mountains offer many activities. Hiking, rock climbing, and mountain biking challenge both your body and mind. Winter sports like skiing and snowboarding add to the variety, making the mountains a year-round destination. The fresh mountain air is unpopulated and provides fresh air.

Spotting animals in their natural habitat or discovering unique plants makes your trip educational. The tranquility of the mountains and connection with nature allows you to feel inner peace.

Mountains offer a multifaceted escape that beaches cannot rival.

Question 1

Imagine you are a travel blogger invited to a tourism conference.

Write a speech persuading the audience to choose either beaches or mountains as their ideal vacation destination.

In your speech you should:

- evaluate the ideas and opinions in **both** texts
- give your own views, based on what you have read in the texts about beaches and mountains as travel destinations

Base your speech on what you have read in **both** the texts but be careful to use your own words.

Address both of the bullet points.

Begin your speech with 'Good evening, ladies and gentlemen'

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing. [25]

