



Walking:

Hey! Check This Out!

(Feature Article)

Making the Reading-Writing Connection

1. Read the feature article from beginning to end.
2. Then, read the article again. Pay attention to the highlighted words.
3. The highlighted words focus on what the author considered when writing different parts of the article.
4. There are notes in the left margin to help you think about making your words work when you write a feature article.

Making your words work



Headline tells the reader what the article is about.

Byline: The name of the reporter.

Information can be presented in a variety of catchy ways.

Lead: Who, what, where, when. Gives the big idea.

Section heading

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Clark Jent, The Globet

“Come on people, big and small,
Join the walkers and have a ball.
If you’re not sure just what to do,
These facts will prove it’s good for you.”

Walking is gaining popularity with today’s health conscious population. More and more people are seeing the benefits of including exercise in their day-to-day activities and walking is one of the easiest ways to get this much-needed exercise.

Why Walk?

Although it looks simple, a regular walking program is good for your heart. And the only equipment you really need is a pair of comfortable shoes. Walking also helps you lose weight, strengthen those flabby muscles and it is friendly to our environment!

Making your words work



Illustrations can be included to add interest and information.

Body: tells how and gives more details. Facts and details go with the big idea.

Sources of information are identified.

Summary restates the main point or big idea.

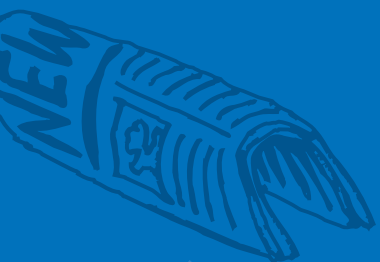


If you are able to arrange it, walking in the woods, or even in a quiet park, can help **relieve stress and give you time to think.** If peace and quiet is not your thing, walk around your neighbourhood, you may even get to know your neighbours better! Perhaps you and your neighbours can start a walking club. It is amazing how much **easier it is to walk with a friend.**

Some **school students are also getting into the walking habit.** In one school, students go for a brisk walk around their neighbourhood just before they settle down to do their math. **Their teacher, Dan Brown,** reports that math marks have gone up considerably since the walking project was started.

Oh now people wasn't that fun!
Don't sit down you've just begun!
Get on out and take a walk,
Soon your muscles will be
as toned as a rock!

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