Use your English

Grade 8

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Plan before you begin

Check the audience, purpose and required length. Organise your ideas, write or speak, then check meaning and accuracy.
Example: A clear paragraph has one main idea with useful supporting detail.
Complete both activities. Plan your ideas first. Use your own details when requested. Continue on another sheet if needed.
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Try it yourself

1. Write a public notice of 80-100 words explaining a temporary change to a school event. Include the change, date, location and a way to ask questions.

2. Write three sentences explaining why a notice should be available in more than one format.

Two versions of a notice

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.
Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.
Read this new situation carefully. Use only the stated facts for the first answer. Then improve the sentence and apply the idea to a new situation. Check meaning, punctuation and the reader's needs.
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The transport office changes a temporary bus stop from the post office to the community hall on 18 June. An old notice remains in a shop window. A pupil notices the difference and checks the new location with the office. The shopkeeper agrees to replace the old notice. The pupil adds the update date, so readers can identify the newer information.
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Try it yourself

1. What problem could the old notice cause? Which source confirms the new location?

2. Improve this sentence: The new notice have been displayed by the shopkeeper.

3. Write a correction of about four sentences for the shop window. Give the new location and date, tell readers to ignore the old notice and say where to check further changes.