Use your English

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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 balanced article of 100-120 words about the garden proposal. Include a benefit, a concern and a practical next step.

2. Write a 30-40 word suggestion explaining how quieter pupils could share their views.

Test the garden proposal

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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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A school committee is considering turning an unused paved area into a garden. Supporters expect shade and a place to observe plants. Others note that the space is used for wet-weather queuing. Before deciding, the committee draws a small trial area and asks pupils and staff how the change could affect their routines. It has not yet approved the full garden.
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Try it yourself

1. Give one expected benefit and one existing use that needs consideration.

2. Improve this sentence: The garden will benefit everyone, although nobody has asked the users.

3. Write a reasoned response to the trial proposal. Recommend two details to check before a full decision and explain why both viewpoints deserve attention.