

Level 3

Letter to the Editor

My name is Travis, and I am 10 years old. I moved to this town a year ago. I like Greenville, but I have noticed that there are not many fun outdoor things for kids to do around here. This is a shame! There is only one playground, and the equipment is old and run down. There needs to be more things for kids to do in this town. This town needs a new playground.

Many adults complain that kids play too many video games and watch too much TV. We all know this isn't healthy. Unfortunately, kids in this town don't have much of a choice. Building a new playground would be a fantastic way to get kids active. Equipment such as the monkey bars could help kids build their strength and balance.

It's not only kids who would benefit from a new playground. Parents would benefit, too. When parents take their children to play, they would stay and chat with other parents. This would be a great way for more people to get to know one another. This would make our town happier and safer.

There is an empty lot of land at the end of Samson Street which I feel would be a perfect spot for a new playground. It is down by the river, so as well as playing on the playground, people could go fishing or have a swim. There's also plenty of shade to keep kids and adults safe from the sun.

It is for these reasons that our town really needs a new playground.



Task A: Comprehension

1. How long has Travis lived in Greenville?

2. Why did Travis write this letter?

3. For what reason does Travis think kids in Greenville don't get enough exercise?

4. Which word from the text means 'grumble'?

5. What makes Travis think the land on Samson Street is a good place for a playground?

6. What are the 2 main reasons Travis thinks that his town needs a new playground?

7. What other reason/s do you think Travis could have given to support his argument?

Task B: Language and Grammar

1. **Contractions** are shortened combinations of two or more words. For example:

you + are = you're

There are 4 contractions in the text. Find them. Show which words have been joined.

1. _____ + _____ = _____

2. _____ + _____ = _____

3. _____ + _____ = _____

4. _____ + _____ = _____

2. **Proper nouns** need capital letters. For example, '**street**' doesn't need a capital, but '**Samson Street**' does.

Five of the nouns below are **proper nouns**. Circle them and rewrite with capitals.

thursday playground april town london greenville travis boy

Task C: Challenge

Design a new playground. Label your picture.