1.7. Giving opinion (Writing an article, a letter)

I am writing in connection with your article/advertisement/TV programme.

I am writing with regard to your advertisement/article which appeared in the... issue.

I would like to express my opinion/my interest in...

First of all/Firstly/To begin with... In my view/opinion... My opinion is that... As far as I am concerned... Furthermore.../What is more.../In addition to this...(listing similar ideas)

To sum up,.../All in all.../In conclusion...

Sample task

Task B

You are doing a summer course in England. The editor of the online course magazine has asked you to answer this week's letters. This is one of them:

I want to be a vegetarian, but I have absolutely no idea whatsoever as to what to eat, how often to eat, where to get what, etc. I don't like the idea of killing animals for food, since we don't "need" meat anyway, but I also don't want to drop dead from malnutrition. Any ideas? Thanks

Michelle, 16

Write a letter of about 110 words to Michelle in which you give your opinion and give her advice. Include the following points:

Your opinion about being a vegetarian.

The importance of a balanced diet.

Where you can find recipes for vegetarian dishes.

Begin your letter like this: Dear Michelle,