**ARTICLE WRITING**

**Hand Out**

Learning a language, essentially involves acquiring the four skills i.e. listening, speaking, reading and writing. Children who start learning writing skills from an early age , achieve high levels of academic success, as when he/she learns to write, he/she becomes more capable of analysing, interpreting and thinking about what they read.

In this module, focus is on various elements that constitute writing an article.

1)In the first part, “What is article writing?” is mentioned. An article, is an expression of ones thought on an issue or a subject, which is logically and coherently written in meaningful paragraphs. It is a challenging task and requires one to be creative with a profound vocabulary, sound knowledge of the subject and the skill to organise ideas.

2)The purpose of writing an article is highlighted ,to get the readers delve on the themes of social concern, narrating an event or describing a place is highlighted.

3)The main points to remember while writing an article are:

A} Giving a catchy title relevant to the theme

B} Beginning with a striking opening sentence to attract the reader’s interest. The introduction must clearly define the topic. It may include a question, a slogan, an amazing fact, a figure of speech or a statement.

C} Presenting strong arguments for supporting it with evidences and elaborations.

D} Using linking words like however, therefore, although, even though, in order to etc.

E} Introducing a new point at the beginning of each paragraph that follows and to strengthen the ideas.

F} Developing ideas to make them informative and appealing .The causes, effects and the present state of affairs can be included.

G} Concluding the last paragraph with the strongest and most vibrant points. It should summarise and close the topic by including solutions and conclusions.

H} Adding a special effect to the article by adhering to the following:

 I) passive voice ii) humour iii) emotive language and iv) rhetorical questions .

4. The process of practising “ CODER”, is suggested for cultivating excellent writing skill.

 C is for first collecting ideas on the given topic.

 O is to organise the ideas in logical sequence.

 D is to make the first draft.

 E denotes editing the work.

 R is for revision of the work.

5. Some additional tips to strengthen your writing skills are:

1. Be a voracious reader.
2. Always write short and simple sentences.
3. Avoid using unnecessary or jargon words.
4. Try to see that your ideas and style is unique and unpredictable. The reader must not be able to guess what your conclusion is going to be.
5. Write in short paragraphs.
6. Do sufficient reference on the topic and collect sufficient facts relevant to the topic.
7. Above all, remember to practise writing regularly. Writing book review, dairy entry , story writing etc. are suggested options.
8. The matter written should be rechecked as mentioned earlier, using “CODER”.

6.To Avoid the following:

* Vague and elaborate writing
* Spending too much time on first draft
* Avoid grammatical mistakes
* Overuse of complicated language
* Poor editing

7. Read the three sample articles given( in the slide ) to imbibe the skill of writing good articles.

 THANK YOU!