

Activity – I (writing)

When you read any article you will realize that some of the statements made are facts and some others are mere opinions. A good reader must be able to distinguish between the facts and opinions presented in any article.

Now, sit in pairs and identify examples of facts and opinions from the article 'Is Society Dead'? You may write them in two columns:

FACT	OPINION
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FACT

OPINION

a) I was visiting New York last week.

b) When people say excuse me' there is no response.

c) You get your news from your favourite blogs.

d) Technology has given us a world entirely for ourselves.

a) Each was in his/her own musical world.

b) I witnessed the glazed New York look.

c) Don't ask, don't tell, do not over hear don't observe. Just tune in and tune out.

e) Human beings have never lived like this before.

f) We have always had homes, retreats or place where we went to relax, unwind or shut out the world.

d) The serendipity of meeting a new stranger, hearing a piece of music we would never choose ourselves, etc.

e) External stimulation can crowd out the interior mind.

Question 1.

What aspect of New York did the author notice?

Answer:

The aspect of New York that the author noticed was that its nightlife was very much dead.

Question 2.

The day life in New York is powerfully presented in these lines. Suppose you describe the same in your own city, what points will you note?

Answer:

I will note the noise of people talking and rushing, the vehicles hooting, the haste and hurry both by people and vehicles, the vendors of various fancy items trying to make a buck, and the worried faces of people.

Question 3.

Have you noticed i-Pod people in your town too? Is there any difference between the i-Pod generation in New York and those in your own town?

Answer:

Yes, I have noticed them in my town also.

There is some difference between the i-Pod generation in New York and those in my town.

Here the i-Pod people do not emit strange tuneless squawks and snap their fingers. Their arms don't twitch here, as in New York.