

Using vocabulary for effect

The effect a writer wants to create is linked to the point of view being expressed. This is the perspective and will differ depending on the bias of the writer.

Read these two perspectives on the same subject.



A I find stamp collecting to be a most intriguing and rewarding hobby. Each stamp has its own unique and captivating history that is both informative and entertaining in equal measures. In addition, I have met many fellow philatelists who themselves are fascinating characters with countless appealing tales to tell.

B Never in all my days have I come across a more pointless, boring and mind-numbing hobby than collecting stamps. Paying huge amounts of hard-earned money for tatty pieces of second-hand paper seems to me an exercise in futility. It is a hobby for anti-social and uninteresting people. Who in their right mind wants to learn about stamps anyway?

1. Create your own positive and negative word clouds by choosing words and phrases from the extracts.

Swimming Positive

} exciting
 } captivating
 } intriguing
 } relaxing
 } peaceful
 } enjoyable
 } fun
 } healthy
 } refreshing

Swimming/basketball Negative

} mind-numbing
 } pointless
 } tatty
 } futility
 } anti-social

2. Choose a sport or hobby that you either strongly like or strongly dislike. Write a descriptive paragraph from your biased perspective.

Swimming is an amazing sport that I truly adore it. Feels so rewarding, it relaxes my mind and I stop overthinking. It is really entertaining, it fills me up with joy. Swimming feels like I am in my own magical place, it is a wonderful sport/hobby especially in a glorious ocean. I could swim for the rest of my life.