



Writing for Horizons Journal

New contributors

I'm always looking for fresh ideas that will appeal to readers. Whether you are an experienced writer or a practising teacher with something to say, I would love to hear from you. I can't promise to publish your article, but I do promise to read it carefully!

Horizons is Reader Friendly

Horizons remains more of a teachers' magazine than a high brow academic journal. I'm looking for articles that are of direct relevance and immediate interest to teachers in the classroom. The aim should be to be fresh and accessible. Please write clearly and simply, and avoid – or explain – technical terms or jargon. I'm much more likely to accept an article that says, '*this is what we did and here's how you can do it too/adapt it to your situation*' than one that says, '*this is what we did.*' Please avoid long lists of references and bibliographies if you can.

General advice

The best advice I can give is 'read Horizons'. If you are already a reader – and I hope you are – you will know that I publish a wide range of features and articles dealing with practical classroom issues, professional and personal development, methodology, pedagogy, technology, language and linguistics, teaching resources – and a lot more besides.

Editorial Support

I'm more than happy to work with an author to ensure that the articles I publish are as good as we can make them. I seldom publish an article in exactly the form in which it was submitted. If you need help or support, I'll be pleased to offer both. My advice is to send me a draft or an outline first of all, so that I can help you to develop your ideas. Sending an outline is also a good idea because it enables me to warn you if we already have several articles on the same subject waiting to be published.

Article length

Most articles in Horizons are between one and three pages in length, although I have no problems publishing shorter or longer articles. Approximate words counts are as follows:

One page: around 800 words, **two pages:** around 1,300 words and **three pages:** around 2,100 words

Who are the Readers?

Horizons is read online or downloaded free by teachers in many countries on every continent. Some are native speakers of English, many of them are not. Horizons has readers in most sectors – from first school to university – but the majority teach in language schools or similar institutions.



Selection of Articles

Articles sent to me are always considered for publication. I try to let you know as quickly as possible, but inevitably with all the work that has to be done on forthcoming issues and the fact that I receive an large number of articles, you may not receive an immediate response.

Please bear in mind that I receive more and more articles with each passing issue of the journal. I only produce six issues a year and, at some point, although there isn't strictly speaking a limited amount of space in each issue, I have to say '*that's enough.*' I also have to try to balance the content of each issue to ensure that there is something of interest to everyone. This means that even when I accept your article, you may have to wait some time before you see it in print. Please be patient, I will get it in as soon as possible.

If I don't accept your article, it's more than likely simply because I have several others on a similar subject waiting to be published.

Submitting Articles

I accept articles by e-mail. If you decide to send one this way, please ensure that anything you send is free of viruses.

When you send anything by e-mail attachment, please use your surname as part of the file name and include your name and address within the document. You'd be amazed how many articles come in with the file name 'Horizons article' and with no means of identification.

Please remember to put your name and full contact details on your article.

Additional Advice

Think how your article will look on the page. I will make your article look good, but you can help by including bullet points, diagrams, ideas for illustrations and photographs.

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