

English Edge 4

Quarter 1

Most Essential Learning Competency (MELC)	Code
Recognize the parts of a simple paragraph	

Recognizing Parts of a Paragraph

Do you own pets at home? If so, you will probably agree that your pets are considered family! Dogs, for example, do not speak words, but they are able to communicate with you when they feel excited to see you coming home after a long day, when they are hungry, or when they want to play. They may not be humans, but they are definitely a part of your family and therefore need love and care. Read the text below to get more tips on how to take better care of your family pets at home.

¹ There are tips that you can do to make your pets stay healthy, active, and happy. ² First is feeding them with enough and high-quality food. ³ Second, allow them to enjoy nature by taking them for a walk regularly. ⁴ Make sure you follow COVID-19 protocols and have an adult family member go out with you when you take them out for a walk! ⁵ Next, provide them with a comfortable and clean environment. ⁶ Show them your love by spending time with them and keeping them in your prayers as well. ⁷ All in all, these can help your pets maintain a healthy and happy life.

The group of sentences that you read above is called a **paragraph**. Paragraphs are written to explain a thought or idea. They have different parts, namely:

- **Topic sentence** - states what the entire paragraph is all about or provides the main or general idea. It is usually found at the beginning, but may likewise be located at the middle or end of the paragraph. In the paragraph above, the topic sentence is the first sentence.

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- **Supporting sentences** - make up the body of the paragraph and are meant to provide specific details about the topic sentence. Moreover, these sentences have signal words such as *next, second, lastly*, among others, to ensure a more organized flow of thoughts. A typical paragraph may have three to five supporting sentences. The supporting sentences in the paragraph above are as follows.

² *First is feeding them with enough and high-quality food.*

³ *Second, allow them to enjoy nature by taking them for a walk regularly.* ⁴ *Make sure you follow COVID-19 protocols and have an adult family member go out with you when you take them out for a walk!* ⁵ *Next, provide them with a comfortable and clean environment.* ⁶ *Show them your love by spending time with them and keeping them in your prayers as well.*

- **Concluding sentence** - signals the end of the paragraph and is meant to summarize the points raised in the supporting sentences. It usually begins with concluding phrases such as *all in all, in summary, in conclusion, to sum up, ultimately*, among others. There are also instances when the concluding sentence is put in place to introduce the next paragraph thereby observing a smooth transition. Hence, this is found at the end of the paragraph. The ninth sentence is the concluding sentence in the paragraph above.

⁷ *All in all, these can help your pets maintain a healthy and happy life.*

Draw a if the statement is TRUE; if the statement if FALSE. Use the space before each number in writing your answers.

- _____ 1. Supporting sentences may be found at the beginning of a paragraph.
- _____ 2. A paragraph must only have three to five sentences.
- _____ 3. The first sentence in a paragraph is always the topic sentence.
- _____ 4. A concluding sentence uses signal words to introduce the next paragraph.
- _____ 5. Supporting sentences must be specific as possible in order to elaborate better the topic sentence.

Read the supporting sentences below and choose the best topic sentence for them. Encircle the letter of your answer.

1. When your dog is happy, it will look friendly with relaxed posture, mouth open, and wagging tail. This is the time your dog loves to invite you to play. On the other hand, when your dog is stressed, you will see it looking tense with growls and snarls. You will see its teeth baring as your pet feels threatened as if it's ready to bite.

- a. Your pet dogs at home show different emotions through different body language.**
- b. Dogs are man's best friend.
- c. You should be able to understand your pet dog.

2. I have three dogs at home named Whitney, Burger, and Dubu. I also have two cats named Bruno and Kylie. I feed them delicious food every day and give them toys they can play with. My family and I also celebrate their birthdays.

- a. Cats are cute.
- b. I love my pets and I do my best to take care of them.**
- c. Cats and dogs can get along with each other.

If you were given a chance to take care of a pet, what would it be and why? Compose a paragraph to explain your answer. Underline your topic sentence twice, your supporting sentences once.

Quarter 3

Most Essential Learning Competency (MELC)	Code
Distinguish between general and specific statements	

Distinguishing General and Specific Statements

Compare these two statements.

We need discipline when using gadgets.

We can show discipline when using our mobile phones or tablets by setting only two hours of use per day.

What did you notice between the two statements above? The first one is shorter, while the second is longer. The first one gives a big or general idea, while the second one mentions more details. That is because the first sentence is classified as a **general statement** and the second is described as a **specific statement**.

A general statement is one that speaks of broad categories of people, things, elements, or ideas. It is one that introduces a point that can be followed up with more details or explanations. An example of a general statement is:

Mobile phones have had different models through the years.

On the other hand, specific statements are sentences that mention particular individuals, things, elements, or ideas. These statements help explain, clarify, or define a general statement. Moreover, they expand general statements because they may enumerate examples, narrate order of events, give reasons or arguments, and describe characteristics, among others. An example of a specific or an expanded statement is as follows.

Mobile phones have had different models like keypad and touchscreen types from 2000-2020.

One way of making a general statement into a specific statement is by looking for phrases that can still be explained further. The specific statement above has “broken down” the general statement, “*Mobile phones have had different models through the years,*” by specifically providing examples to the phrase “different models” and specifying “through the years.”

different models - *like keypad and touchscreen types*

through the years - *from 2000-2020*

Expressing and organizing your thoughts better can be achieved when you know how to create general and specific statements.

Draw a **if the statement is TRUE; if the statement is FALSE. Use the space before each number in writing your answers.**

_____ 1. General statements are shorter because they do not give a general idea.

_____ 2. General statements refer to broad topics of people, things, or ideas.

_____ 3. Specific statements can be used to explain further a general statement.

_____ 4. The following is an example of a specific statement.

Using technology in educating students has many benefits.

_____ 5. The following is an example of a general statement.

Electronic books or “e-books” have advantages and disadvantages.

Identify whether the statements below are general or specific. Write G on the blank if it is a general statement and S if specific.

- _____ 1. Television and radio sets, mobile phones, tablets, and computers are some tools that can provide Filipinos with daily weather updates or storm announcements.
- _____ 2. There are disadvantages of too much time spent on using mobile phones.
- _____ 3. Did you know that there are various ways of protecting your gadgets?
- _____ 4. Did you know that before online music platforms like *Spotify* and *iTunes* were introduced, people used to listen to music only through the radio, discmans, and CD-players?
- _____ 5. Technology has brought both positive and negative effects to the lives of people today.

Read the following general statements. Choose one, rewrite, and expand it by providing two to three specific statements. Write your answers on the blanks.

- a. Tablets are useful for students like me.
- b. There are many kinds of mobile applications.

Chosen general statement

Specific statements

Most Essential Learning Competency (MELC)	Code
Infer the speaker's tone, mood and purpose	

Inferring the Writer and Speaker's Tone, Mood, and Purpose

How does this photo make you feel? You may answer “happy,” “peaceful,” or “giggly.” What feelings do you think the photographer is trying to show in this photo? Being “lively,” “friendly,” and “joyful” may be some of your answers. Just as photographers try to capture moments and share those through their photos, so do writers and speakers communicate with their readers or audience through the use of words.



Photo source: https://unsplash.com/photos/IP_FbBkMn1c

Tone is the attitude, feeling, or atmosphere that the speaker or writer has chosen in his writing or speech. It depends on what the speaker or writer feels toward the setting, character, or idea he is describing, and on what he wants his/her audience to feel. The tone of a writing can be expressed through words, while the tone of a speech is a combination of the speaker's words, tone, and pitch as they say something. Look at the following sentences.

1. *"I grew up spending my summer vacations in our place in Tagaytay. Though I am now living abroad, it will always have a dear place in my heart."*
2. *"If only I slept early last night, I wouldn't wake up late today and therefore not be late in school."*
3. *"I am so happy for my sister for having the houses and resorts she built as an architect featured in a travel magazine!"*

The tone in the first sentence is sentimental. *"It will always have a dear place in my heart"* expresses the speaker's feelings towards the place. The tone in the second sentence is regretful, as the speaker realizes that sleeping early at night should have been done to avoid being late the next morning. Finally, the last sentence's tone is proud, as the speaker is happy to share the accomplishments of her sister.

Sometimes, writers or speakers literally mention how they feel by using tone words.

Examples of tone words:

Calm	Nervous	Energetic
Cheerful	Formal	Informative
Joyful	Sorrowful	Serious
Funny	Mysterious	Soothing

On the other hand, **mood** is the attitude or feeling that the reader or audience gets when or after reading a material or listening to a speech. It depends on what the reader or audience feels.

Examples of mood words:

Mad	Thankful	Refreshed
Stressed	Cheerful	Excited
Bored	Confused	Relieved
Bothered	Loved	Amused

Both tone and mood are essential in adding meaning to the message you want to tell your readers or listeners. Besides those two, another important element of writing or delivering a speech is the speaker or writer's **purpose**. The purpose or reason behind the written material or a speech can be achieved through the appropriate use of tone and mood.

Different Purposes of a Writer or Speaker

1. **To persuade** - seen when the writer or speaker is trying to convince the reader or audience to change their minds or ideas, to be inspired, or is inviting them to do something.

Example:

We must act now in taking care of our Mother Earth! Avoid single-use plastics!

2. **To inform** - seen when the writer or speaker is trying to educate, to clarify, or to enlighten the reader or audience by presenting facts, giving instructions, relaying information, or introducing a new idea or object.

Example:

The Philippines is home to 7,641 islands, which can be further grouped into three, namely Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

3. **To entertain** - seen when the writer or speaker is trying to allow the reader or audience to laugh; to feel amused, delighted, or frightened by appealing to the reader or audience's senses and imagination.

Example:

"I tried to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but it was a complete failure. Good players are hard to find."

State the differences among the following.

Tone	Mood

Writer or Speaker's Purpose		
To Inform	To Persuade	To Entertain

Read the following texts and try to understand the author's tone in each. Choose the best answer and encircle them.

1. Experiencing the beauty of nature is one good and healthy way to remove your stress. Looking at the green fields, basking under the sun, and feeling the wind run through your face can make us feel calm and peaceful.

Relaxed *Nervous* *Lonely*

2. Waking up to see fresh flowers blooming in our garden made me smile today!

Angry *Happy* *Shy*

3. I have been waiting for so long and cannot wait anymore for my order to arrive!

Embarrassed *Confused* *Impatient*

4. Most of our Mango trees are ready for harvesting, except for this one. But I am sure it will be ready for harvest soon as well.

Afraid *Hopeful* *Comfortable*

5. Come and celebrate my tenth birthday with me on Saturday at our humble farm! No need for expensive gifts, your presence and stories to share about your last summer vacation are enough! See you there!

Annoyed *Bitter* *Friendly*

As homework, choose two sets of texts and bring them to class for the next meeting. Pair up with a classmate and exchange materials, then share with each other how the texts made you feel.

Provide three examples of texts that speak about nature or the environment. Classify them according to the author's purpose.

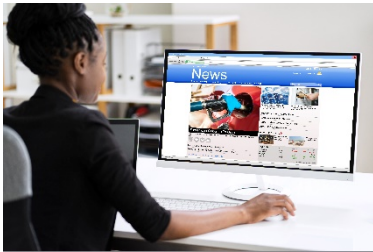
Informs

Persuades

Entertains

Most Essential Learning Competency (MELC)	Code
Distinguish among types of Journalistic Writing (news report, opinion article, feature article, and sports news article)	

Distinguishing Types of Journalistic Writing



Whether you are reading a printed or online newspaper, you will notice that there are different types of journalistic articles. As you have previously learned, a writer has different purposes for writing, among which: to inform, to persuade, and to entertain. In the world of journalism, those purposes are likewise used in various journalistic writing such as news reports, opinion articles, feature articles, and sports articles. By the end of the lesson, try to see which type of writing you see yourself doing more.

News reports can be read in newspapers, campus papers, online news websites, and official social media counterparts. The main purpose of news articles is to inform the readers of what is happening in their local areas, in their countries, and abroad. News reports state facts and answer the questions “*what, when, who, how, and why?*” News articles must be free from bias and opinion. News reports are

found at the front page and in the News Sections. On the next page is an example of a news report.

DOH: 10 additional LGUs de-escalated to COVID-19 Alert Level 1

July 30, 2022

The Department of Health (DOH) de-escalated on Saturday, July 30, 10 additional local government units (LGUs) to COVID-19 Alert Level 1 from Aug. 1 to 15.

Citing the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), DOH said the de-escalation was based on the task force's metrics, including bed utilization rate and vaccination thresholds for target population and priority groups.

The National Capital Region will remain under Alert Level 1 for the same period.

Source: <https://ptvnews.ph/doh-10-additional-lgus-de-escalated-to-covid-19-alert-level-1/>

Opinion article is a piece that reflects the opinions or stand of the writer towards an issue, individual, groups, or a relevant topic at hand. It can be read in the Editorial or Opinion Sections of newspapers, magazines, campus papers, news websites, and official social media counterparts. Opinion articles include a body of arguments, reasons, or personal experiences that can support the writer's main point. Below is an excerpt of an opinion article.

As Environment Section editor of this paper, I have received several emails from various organizations calling on our presidentiables to look into the issues about the environment. They lament the fact that among the 10 presidentiables, no one has presented an encompassing environment agenda. What's ironic is that the "green" agenda is pushed to the sidelines when, in fact, that could be a very relevant and strong platform to stand on considering what's happening to our planet.

These environmental groups collectively agree that there are a lot of issues that the next president should look into such as security, peace and order, foreign policy, infrastructure, economic recovery, healthcare rehabilitation, etc. But what about environmental issues? What are the plans to combat climate change? Will open-pit mining be allowed? Will we still encourage the use of coal for energy? How about the protection of our endangered species? There are still

a lot of questions unanswered when it comes to the green agenda.

Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2022/04/01/environment-on-my-mind/?amp>

Feature article is a piece that presents an interesting story or narrative about a particular person, group, place, event, experience, lifestyle, culture, art, beliefs, and other interesting subjects. It differs from straight news stories because it goes beyond stating facts. It can also entertain, inspire, and educate readers. It is located at the Lifestyle Section of a newspaper, campus paper, magazine, news website, and official social media counterpart. Below, you will find an excerpt of a feature article.

Get to know the Philippines' 8 new National Artists

By John Legaspi June 14, 2022

The life and contributions of these great Filipino artists

It's been 50 years since visual artist Fernando Amorsolo became the first National Artist of the Philippines. Since 1972, the Order of National Artists of the Philippines has been regarded as "the highest national recognition given to Filipino individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of Philippine arts." Today, we celebrate a new roster of esteemed Filipino artists as the Malacañang Palace declared its National Artists for 2022.

On June 10, the Palace, together with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), officially announced eight new National Artists by virtue of Proclamation no. 1390.

Let's get to know the life and contributions of these great Filipino artists.

DANCE: Agnes Locsin

Born on Sept. 28, 1957, Agnes Locsin came from a family of dancers. Her mother Carmen Dakudao, the wife of Jose Severino Locsin, is among the pioneering ballet teachers in Davao. She finished her degree in English at the Ateneo de Davao University in 1979 and went on to pursue a master of arts in dance at the Ohio State University in the US in 1981.

Agnes is known for her "neo-ethnic" movement in dance, having produced pieces that celebrate Filipino heritage—traditions, beliefs, and rituals—in a contemporary manner. Among her award-winning works are "La Revolucyon Filipina," a 1996 piece about Apolinario Mabini, and the 1987 "Igorot," which was performed in Amsterdam in 1987.

Throughout her career as a noted choreographer, Agnes became the artistic director of Ballet Philippines and a dance consultant to Tanghalang

Pilipino and the Philippine Educational Theater Association. Today, she continues to share her knowledge of the craft through her mother's studio, the Locsin Dance Workshop in Davao City, one of the oldest dance schools in the country.

DESIGN (FASHION): Salvacion Lim-Higgins

While Cristobal Balenciaga and Christian Dior revolutionized fashion in the '50s, in the Philippines, it was Salvacion Lim-Higgins who was breaking away from tradition by introducing experimental design, details, and silhouettes. Famously known as Slim, she was among the many Filipinos credited for making the terno a work of art.

"Her designs could rival the haute couture coming out of Paris in the '50s and '60s," CITEM executive director Pauline Juan once told Manila Bulletin Lifestyle. "Slim was a designer in the truest sense, who drew the most exquisite clothes and knew exactly how to cut and construct them."

Born on Jan. 28, 1920 in Legazpi, Albay, Slim continues to influence Philippine fashion through the Slims Fashion and Arts School. According to Philippine Fashion Coalition's Jackie Aquino, she is the only Filipino designer whose dresses are part of the collections of the Smithsonian and Victoria & Albert museums.

FILM AND BROADCAST ARTS: Nora Aunor

Nora Aunor is known for many names, including Guy in the entertainment industry and Nora Villamayor in real life. But to her staunch supporters, she is the one and only Superstar of Philippine cinema. Born in Camarines Sur on May 21, 1953, Nora is a premier actress with performances seen on film, TV, and on stage.

First discovered as a champion of nationwide singing competition "Tawag ng Tanghalan" in 1967, Nora went on to become an award-winning actress, with Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS), Gawad Urian, and Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC) awards under her belt. Her works have also been recognized in international film festivals like the Cannes Film Festival, Berlin Film Festival, and Cairo International Film Festival.

Nora has brought to life many roles on the big screen. Her most notable cinematic performances can be seen in Lino Brocka's "Bona," Ishmael Bernal's "Himala," and Brillante Mendoza's "Thy Womb."

FILM AND BROADCAST ARTS: Ricky Lee

Born on March 19, 1948 in Camarines Norte, Ricardo "Ricky" Lee is known

for his works as a screenwriter, fictionist, and playwright. But prior to becoming the master writer that he is today, Ricky did a number of odd jobs to save money, which he used to finance his education at the University of the Philippines (UP). During his college days, he became an activist against the dictatorship of former president Ferdinand Marcos Sr., and never finished his English degree at the university.

Source:

<https://mb.com.ph/2022/06/14/get-to-know-the-philippines-8-new-national-artists/?amp>

Sports article is a type of writing that reports about sports and competitions. It tells about the latest status of and announcements about particular games, competitions, and tournaments. It may also feature the sports journeys of athletes as well as other unique type of sports. It is found in the Sports Page of the newspapers. Below is an excerpt of a sports article.

Hidilyn Diaz clinches anew SEA Games gold

By Myris Lee

Filipina Olympian Hidilyn Diaz added another gold medal to her collection.

Diaz on Friday, May 20, defended her weightlifting crown in the women's 55 kilogram (kg) class of the 31st Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Diaz, 31, lifted 92 kg in snatch and 114kg in clean and jerk for a total of 206kg, 3kg higher than fellow Olympian Sanikun Tanasan of Thailand.

Source:

<https://www.ptvnews.ph/hidilyn-diaz-clinches-anew-sea-games-gold/>

Draw a If the statement is TRUE; if the statement is FALSE. Use the space before each number in writing your answers.

- _____ 1. News reports, opinion articles, features stories, and sports updates are types of journalistic writing.
- _____ 2. The main purpose of news reports is to state opinion.
- _____ 3. Daily weather updates are examples of news articles.

_____ 4. Feature articles are only about individuals and news on special events may be found on the news section alone.

_____ 5. If you want to know the latest status of your favorite basketball team's game, go to the Sports section of an online newspaper.

Read the following excerpts below and identify each article's type-- news, opinion, feature, or sports. Write your answer on the blank.

1. _____

PH bags 2 more golds in SEA Games; medalists to visit PRRD

HANOI – Kurash (folk wrestling) athlete Jack Escarpe and world gymnastics champion Carlos Yulo won the country's second and third gold medals in the 31st Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) here on Friday.

Bucking a slip in the pommel horse that incurred a penalty, the 22-year-old Tokyo Olympian Yulo amassed 85.150 points in six apparatuses and bagged the individual all-around title, beating hometown bets Le Thanh Tung (84.050) and Dinh Phuong Thanh (82.450), who settled for silver and bronze, respectively.

Escarpe was victorious in the men's 73-kilogram (kg) event.

On Wednesday, Francine Padios (pencak silat) bagged the country's first gold.

The Philippines has also amassed seven silver and nine bronze medals to rank fifth behind host Vietnam, which has started to pull away with 20 gold, 11 silver and 15 bronze medals; Malaysia (11-5-8); Indonesia (5-8-1); and Thailand (3-5-11).

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1174426>

2. _____

We are drowning in plastic, and we need to catch up fast

By: Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos

Just last month, Canada took a huge leap and issued a ban on the manufacture and import of six categories of single-use plastics by the end of the year. Likewise, California recently enacted the boldest plastic source reduction policy requiring a steep reduction in the amount of single-use plastic packaging produced in the state by 2032.

Not many may realize it, but we are drowning in plastics, with global plastic production now at 400 million tons per year with highly underestimated impacts to our natural ecosystems and people.

The Philippines has a forward-looking Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act in place, but the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) has allowed this progressive law to languish in the “sickbed of non-compliance” as a dear friend puts it, for more than two decades. Unaware of the hidden cost of plastic, the government’s inaction has resulted in the notorious sachet economy and the overwhelming magnitude of the plastic crisis that we face today...

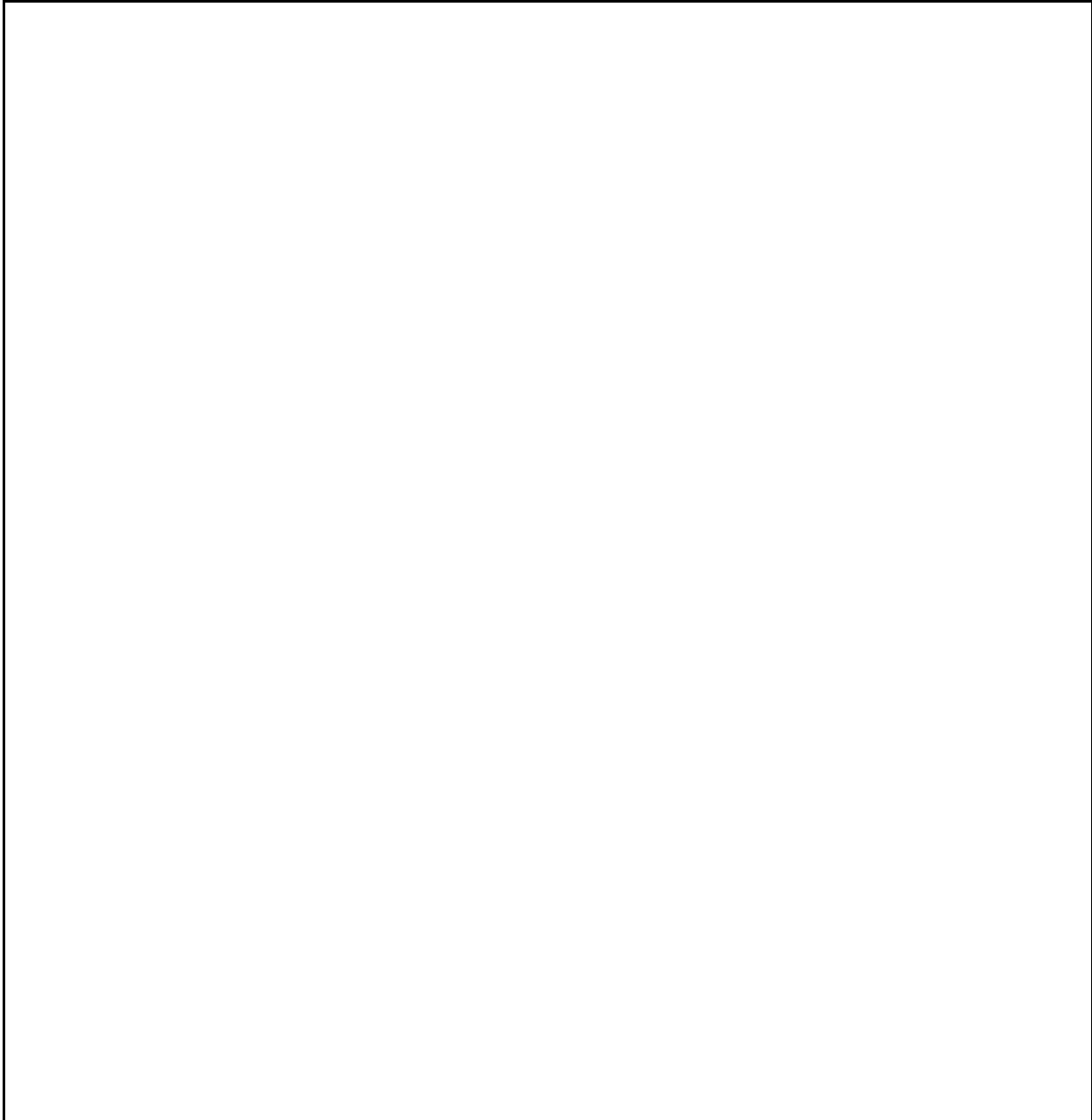
But more than our collective efforts as citizens to adopt a plastic-free lifestyle, the bigger challenge lies in ensuring that RA 9003 is effectively carried out.

It is highly encouraging that the new President aired his concern over the worsening plastic crisis in his inaugural address to the Filipino people. We expect that this will be translated into official directives with specific measures and timelines to ensure that destructive single-use plastics are banned from the source.

Source: <https://opinion.inquirer.net/155418/we-are-drowning-in-plastic-and-we-need-to-catch-up-fast#ixzz7ampflgl>

Choose one topic from the list below and write a short article of two to three paragraphs about it.

- *News* - the latest weather update where you live
- *Feature* - trivia about your favorite singer or band
- *Sports* - news about your favorite sports

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their short article. The box occupies most of the lower half of the page.

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