

How to deal with cartoons



The cartoon is about global warming.

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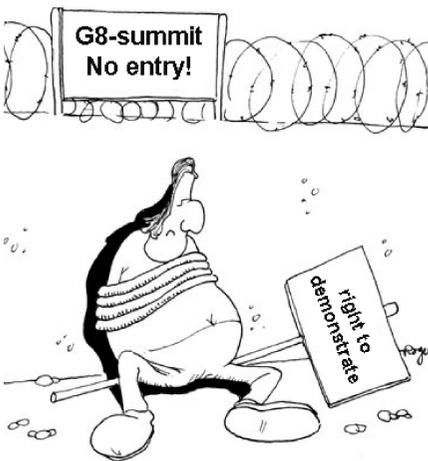
It shows a polar bear sitting in a deck-chair on his ice-floe. The bear enjoys a cold drink and protects himself from the sun with an umbrella.

There is a little text in the cartoon. The polar bear thinks, "I'm afraid I'll have to change my lifestyle."

The polar bear represents the animals that are in danger of losing their habitats because of global warming.

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The cartoonist wants to make people aware of the changes that might happen if global warming is going to continue.



The cartoon is about civil rights.

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It shows a man sitting in front of a wall with barbed wire on it. He's tied up with a rope. Next to him there's a sign lying on the ground. The sign says "right to demonstrate".

On top of the wall there's another sign that says "G8-summit. No entry!"

The man represents the people who go and demonstrate when politicians assemble and make important decisions as happens on the so-called summits.

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The cartoonist wants to show that on some occasions such as the G8-summit politicians sometimes try to keep people who demonstrate away. He wants to point out that this is a violation of civil rights.

Before you start writing:

Have a close look at the cartoon. Who or what is shown?

It might be useful to put down some notes (ideas).

Writing work:

1. First sum up in one or two sentences what the cartoon is about.
2. Then describe what the cartoon shows.
Don't forget to quote any existing text.
If there are people or animals, say who or what they represent.
3. Finally say what the cartoonist's intention is.

Keep in mind:

You're *not* supposed to give any comment about the cartoon. It's not important if you do or don't like the cartoon!

Don't forget that paragraphs are important to give your text a structure. New idea - new line!

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