

Writing task 2 (250 words)

Aim – Structuring your opening paragraph and conclusion

- To introduce different ways to support your ideas through stats, scenarios, and examples, and to agree or disagree with another point of view

Teaching steps

1. Discuss stimulus material in pairs and agree or disagree, justifying your responses
2. There are two types of introduction – thesis led (opinion clearly stated) and argument led (both sides of an argument are considered)
(Pairs) Read the examples and discuss the purpose of each sentence
3. Are there any themes that you can use to group information – eg children
4. Thesis led introduction
(pairs) Read question and ensure the understanding of the class
Note – don't copy any words from the question, but paraphrase
Read the examples and identify which one is thesis led
Try writing your own introduction
Pass your introduction to your partner for peer grading
 - Is there a clear opinion?
 - Different words to the question?
 - Spelling / grammar correct?
5. Support of justify your answer with reasons, examples, scenarios and statistics – for example the first one is reason because (since, as, because of, due to, this is because) it used the word because
 - Do the examples, peer grade and write some on the board
6. Expressing disagreement – writing a paragraph disagreeing with the opposing point of view
 - Use words like however, it could be argued, it is difficult to accept this because/since/as, Although some people argue that...we should consider, Despite claims that.. it is a fact that, While it might be argued that... the truth is, Though it is true that.... We should also bear in mind
 - Do the exercises (p51 of t/b for answers)
7. Writing the conclusion
 - The purpose of a conclusion is to summarise what has already been said
 - Try writing your own conclusion
8. Structure of your essay
 - Brainstorm your ideas
 - Choose your approach – thesis or opinion
 - Using time is a good way to organise your ideas
 - Use different words that capture the meaning behind the stimulus material and look at either one argument or both points of view in your introduction
 - Your body paragraphs support your opinion, you must justify each point that you make
 - Refute the opposite point of view
 - Restate your opinion in the conclusion
9. Write your own essay using a different question.