


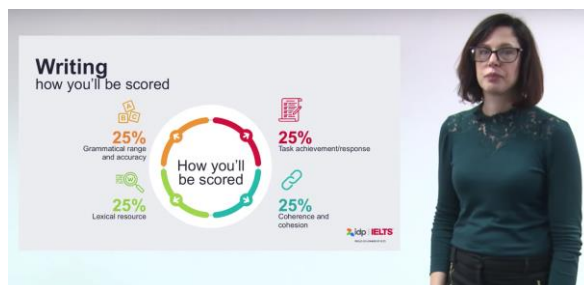
IELTS Writing Task 2: Resources for Teachers and Candidates

IDP Resources

Introduction to the resource	Further information related to Writing Task 2
 <p>Lesson Plans for teachers with cover sheets summarising content and skills focus.</p> <p><small>IELTS Lesson Plans for Teachers Produced by IDP IELTS Europe</small></p> <p>www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-teachers-area</p>	<p>Those relevant to Writing Task 2 include:</p> <p>Those relevant to Writing Task 2 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Writing Task 2: Writing Introductions 2. Writing Task 2: Writing topic Sentences 3. Writing Task 2: Avoiding generalisations 4. Writing Task 2: Cohesion & Coherence



Masterclass on Writing Task 2



From a series of one-hour videos focusing on each part of the test. Our IELTS experts describe the structure of the test and marking criteria; explain the types of questions to expect followed by a detailed look at how to tackle them. They include tips on test techniques and skills development as well opportunities to practise.

The Writing Task 2 Masterclass is available via the 'Preparation blog' section of the IDP Europe website: <https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-europe-blog>

In this 1-hour video Masterclass on Writing Task 2, we look at how to approach the questions in Task 2 of the writing paper, providing tips and tools needed to improve candidates writing scores.

We also cover:

- How to plan and structure an essay
- How to answer the different question types
- The marking criteria in detail, so candidates know exactly what the examiner is looking for
- Do's and don'ts for this part of the test
- Interactive sections to allow you to try out our tips and advice

IELTS Europe Blog

Range of articles on different topics, including many on Writing Task 1. New blog posts are normally posted once a fortnight.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-europe-blog>



IELTS Writing Task 2: Avoiding general statements to gain a band...

I've just finished marking some student essays on the advantages and disadvantages of convenience food and have come across these two sentences in one...

Write a comment



IELTS Writing Task 2: Writing the perfect one-sentence conclusion

Readers of this blog might be surprised – or even shocked – by its title. "One-sentence conclusions for Writing Task 2?" I hear you ask. Many IELTS teache...

Write a comment

Blog posts relevant to Writing Task 2 currently include:

- Spelling and IELTS
- Avoiding General Statements
- Test Day Observations – Writing
- Writing the Perfect One Sentence Conclusion
- Think Before You Write Planning Well



IELTS Essentials blog (global)

The global IDP IELTS website and the regional site in Canada also house very comprehensive blogs which are both updated with new posts regularly.



Writing Task 2: Why can't I get a band 8?

Published on December 2, 2019

Getting the score you need in IELTS Writing Task 2 is achievable when you know the criteria examiners mark against. Our IELTS experts have put together a guide on what you need to do right and what you might be doing wrong when writing your essay.



IELTS Writing Task 2: 7 steps towards a band 7

Published on November 29, 2019

For many of you, achieving that magic number in your IELTS Writing test can be a big challenge. Sometimes, all you need is a mentor who could guide you on how to approach the test. Here are 7 important steps that will help you easily achieve a band 7



Writing Task 2: Reading and analysing the task

Published on January 29, 2018

Writing Task 2 is the second section of your IELTS Writing test. It requires you to write an academic-style essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem. You're expected to write at least 250 words and it is recommended that you spend



IELTS Writing Task 2: 8 steps towards a band 8

Published on November 25, 2019

Find out how to get a band 8 in IELTS Writing Task 2. Let our IELTS experts walk you through the 8 steps to get you there.



IELTS Writing skills: the paragraph

Published on September 5, 2019

If you want to improve your IELTS writing score, you're going to have to write paragraphs like an expert. If it's for work emails, for school assignments, or for IELTS tasks, here are five tips to help you ace* your paragraphing.

Categories Writing

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Referencing in IELTS writing

Published on August 26, 2019

Today, we'll be focusing on an important aspect of coherence and cohesion known as referencing, in the IELTS Writing test.



Clear and Effective Paragraph Writing on the IELTS

Published on August 22, 2018

One aspect of the IELTS writing exam that is very important is writing paragraphs that are clear, effective, and easy to follow. This blog post will provide information on how to write well-organized and well-written paragraphs on your exam.

Writing blog posts can be found here:

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/en/blog/category/writing>

Writing Task 2: Why can't I get a band 8

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/12/02/writing-task-2-why-cant-i-get-a-band-8>

Writing Task 2: 7 steps towards a band 7

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/11/29/ielts-writing-task-2-7-steps-towards-a-band-7>

Writing Task 2: Reading and analysing the task

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/01/29/writing-task-2-reading-and-analysing-the-task>

Writing Task 2: 8 Steps towards a band 8

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/11/25/ielts-writing-task-2-8-steps-towards-a-band-8>

Writing Task 2: Writing skills the Paragraph

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/09/05/ielts-writing-skills-the-paragraph>

Writing Task 2: Referencing in IELTS writing

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/08/26/referencing-in-ielts-writing>

Writing Task 2: Clear and effective paragraph writing

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/08/22/clear-and-effective-paragraph-writing-on-the-ielts>



Problem solution essay

Published on June 17, 2019

Are you trying to understand and prepare for the essay writing section on the IELTS test? Do you want to make sure you avoid typical errors? Would you like a simple template for one of the more challenging essay structures? If any of the above

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What to do before you start writing your IELTS essay

Published on April 23, 2018

If you want to make sure you know how to approach the essay section of the Writing section of IELTS, you are in the right place. Often people who write the test jump to writing too quickly and end up with a beautiful essay on the wrong topic.



How to write for IELTS Academic Writing

Published on April 3, 2018

It can be difficult finding the balance between sounding natural and being too informal when writing for Task 1 or Task 2 of the Writing section of the IELTS Academic test. Here are some tips for remaining formal while still writing effectively.



How to finish the IELTS writing tasks on time

Published on March 12, 2018

You have an hour to complete two writing tasks and that takes great time management skills. If you know how to use those 60 minutes well, you should be able to complete both sections and get a higher rating.



IELTS Writing Task 2 (Essay) - Developing examples, explanations & ideas

Published on February 5, 2018

Writing a 250 word essay in 40 minutes is no easy task. And if you aren't allowed to use the internet, ask for help, or even use your computer, this can be a real challenge. Learn how to brainstorm ideas for the Task 2 of the IELTS Writing test.



Strategies for writing a good introduction in Writing Task 2

Published on January 7, 2019

Writing an effective introduction for Writing Task 2 can be a tricky task. We have put together a list of strategies that you can use to write an effective introduction for Writing Task 2.

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IELTS Task 2 essay formulas to make your life easier

Published on April 8, 2019

If you want to do well on your IELTS test, it's a good idea to prepare and bring some writing tools to help you save time on test day. Let's look over the common essay questions and then focus on a simple formula for the discussion essay as an

Writing Task 2: Problem solution essay

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/06/17/problem-solution-essay>

Writing task 2: What to do before you start writing your essay

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/04/23/what-to-do-before-you-start-writing-your-ielts-essay>

How to write for academic writing

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/04/03/how-to-write-for-ielts-academic-writing>

Writing Task 2: How to finish writing tasks on time

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/03/12/how-to-finish-the-ielts-writing-tasks-on-time>

Writing Task 2: Developing examples, explanations & ideas

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/02/05/ielts-writing-task-2-essay-developing-examples-explanations-ideas>







Writing task 2: Strategies for writing a good introduction

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/01/07/strategies-for-writing-a-good-introduction-in-writing-task-2>

Writing Task 2: IELTS Task 2 essay formulas to make life easier

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/04/08/ielts-task-2-essay-formulas-to-make-your-life-easier>



 <p>Writing Task 2: How to organise an "agree or disagree" essay</p> <p>Published on June 4, 2018</p> <p>When writing for task 2 of the IELTS Writing section, you have 40 minutes to identify the key question, come up with an answer, find examples to support your ideas and then write a well-organized response. If you want to save time and make sure the</p>	<p>Writing Task 2: How to organise an 'agree or disagree essay'</p> <p>https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/06/04/writing-task-2-how-to-organise-an-agree-or-disagree-essay</p>
<p>Categories Writing</p>  <p>Organizing your writing on the IELTS</p> <p>Published on March 11, 2019</p> <p>If you have done some research about IELTS, you know that it is very important that writing responses be organized. This blog post will provide some tips to keep in mind to help organize your writing on the IELTS test.</p>	<p>Writing Task 1 & 2: Organising your writing on the IELTS:</p> <p>https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/03/11/organizing-your-writing-on-the-ielts</p>
<p>Categories Writing</p>  <p>Strategies for writing a good conclusion in Writing Task 2</p> <p>Published on February 19, 2019</p> <p>Let's look at some strategies that can help you to make a positive final impression on your Writing Task 2.</p>	<p>Writing Task 2: Strategies for writing a good conclusion</p> <p>https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/02/19/strategies-for-writing-a-good-conclusion-in-writing-task-2</p>
<p>Categories Writing</p>  <p>Punctuation and the IELTS Writing test</p> <p>Published on October 16, 2018</p> <p>When writing in English, it is common for students (and native speakers) to focus on using correct grammar and vocabulary. Quite often, very little attention is given to other features of writing such as punctuation, which is a mistake. Using</p>	<p>Writing Task 1 & 2: Punctuation and the IELTS Writing Test</p> <p>https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/10/16/punctuation-and-the-ielts-writing-test</p>
<p>Categories Writing</p>  <p>Words, phrases, and structures to avoid on Academic IELTS Writing</p> <p>Published on April 22, 2019</p> <p>Many test takers struggle to achieve their desired band score on the Writing section of the IELTS Academic test as it can be one of the most challenging sections of the test.</p>	<p>Writing Task 1 & 2: Words, phrases and structures to avoid in academic writing</p> <p>https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/04/22/words-phrases-and-structures-to-avoid-on-academic-ielts-writing</p>
<p>Categories Writing</p>  <p>IELTS Writing Task 2: 7 mistakes preventing you from a band 7</p> <p>Published on November 18, 2019</p> <p>Need some help in preparing for IELTS? We've got your back! Read on to understand 7 common mistakes that might prevent you from reaching a band 7 in IELTS Writing Task 2.</p>	<p>Writing Task 2: 7 mistakes preventing you from a band 7</p> <p>https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/11/18/ielts-writing-task-2-7-mistakes-preventing-you-from-a-band-7</p>





IELTS grammar study guide: relative clauses

Published on March 25, 2019

Grammar is one of the four categories that you'll be assessed on in the Speaking and Writing sections of the IELTS test. When assessing your use of grammar, examiners will not only focus on whether your language has errors or not, but they'll also



IELTS grammar study guide: modal verbs

Published on May 27, 2019

If you've been following our IELTS grammar study guide series, then you already know how important it is to use a wide range of grammatical structures on your IELTS.

Categories Speaking, Writing

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IELTS grammar study guide: the passive voice

Published on April 29, 2019

Welcome back! In this five-part series, we're exploring a variety of complex grammatical structures that you can use on your IELTS.



Improve your IELTS vocabulary on "Transportation"

Published on May 21, 2018

Welcome back to our series of posts on improving your IELTS vocabulary. In this post, we'll be focusing on expanding your vocabulary on transportation.



Improve your IELTS vocabulary on "Health"

Published on September 4, 2018

In this series, we've looked at how to expand your vocabulary for your IELTS by creating vocabulary sets on common IELTS themes. So far, we've explored the topics of education, transportation, environment and travel & holidays. In this fifth and



Improve your IELTS vocabulary on "Environment"

Published on July 3, 2018

Today, we'll be looking at improving your IELTS vocabulary on the topic of the environment. We'll start by exploring relevant sub-topics that you can use to create your own vocabulary sets. Then, we'll go over a few nature and environment idioms that

Writing Task 1 & 2 Grammar:

- IELTS grammar study guide: Future forms
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/07/29/ielts-grammar-study-guide-future-forms>
- IELTS grammar study guide: The passive voice:
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/04/29/ielts-grammar-study-guide-the-passive-voice>
- IELTS grammar study guide: Conditionals
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/06/29/ielts-grammar-study-guide-conditionals>
- IELTS grammar study guide: Modal verbs
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/05/27/ielts-grammar-study-guide-modal-verbs>
- IELTS grammar study guide: Relative clauses
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2019/03/25/ielts-grammar-study-guide-relative-clauses>

Writing Task 2 Vocabulary

- Improve your IELTS vocabulary on 'Transportation'
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/05/21/improve-your-ielts-vocabulary-on-transportation>
- Improve your IELTS vocabulary on 'Health'
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/09/04/improve-your-ielts-vocabulary-on-health>
- Improve your IELTS vocabulary on 'Environment'
<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/blog/2018/07/03/improve-your-ielts-vocabulary-on-environment>



Task 1 and 2: Similarities and Differences



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At first glance, you may not think Task 1 and 2 are related at all. However, there are differences and similarities to be aware of when tackling these tasks. Here are some of the differences [...]



Task 1 and 2 Language: What You Need to Know

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When writing a Task 1 or Task 2, it can be difficult finding the balance between sounding natural and being too informal. Here are some tips for writing effectively while remaining formal. Generalizing To a [...]

Writing Task 2: Dealing with Task Input

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If you're reading this post, chances are you're already somewhat familiar with the different parts of the IELTS, including the Writing module. But in case you're just getting started and still don't [...]



Getting to Know the IELTS Writing Band Descriptors



Writing Descriptors and What You Need to Know

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If you've read previous blog posts on this site, you'll no doubt know the importance of understanding how you'll be evaluated on the IELTS exam. One important aspect of evaluation is getting to know [...]

On the IDP Canada blog:

- Task 1 and 2: Similarities and differences:
<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2018/05/task-1-and-2-similarities-and-differences/>
- Task 1 and 2 language: What you need to know:
<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2018/03/task-1-2-language-need-know>
- Dealing with Task Input:
<https://ieltscanadatest.com/category/writing-prep/>
- Getting to know the IELTS Writing Band Descriptors:
<https://ieltscanadatest.com/2018/06/writing-descriptors-and-what-you-need-to-know/>

IELTS Study Forum

Intended mainly for IELTS candidates but open to all, to post questions about the test.

<https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-study-forum>

Candidates and teachers can add questions to the forum at any time for a speedy response from an IELTS expert. We also host live 1-hour forums on a particular skill; during which our experts answer questions within a few minutes. All questions and answers remain for future visitors to view and possibly leave comments or questions.

All questions and answers for the Writing Forum can be found here: <https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-study-forum/ielts-writing>

A file which details all questions from the last Writing study forum is also attached.

Instagram

One of IDP Europe’s social media channels which includes regular posts on tips (visuals or video extracts), test dates, events, testimonials and more:

https://www.instagram.com/idp_ielts_europe



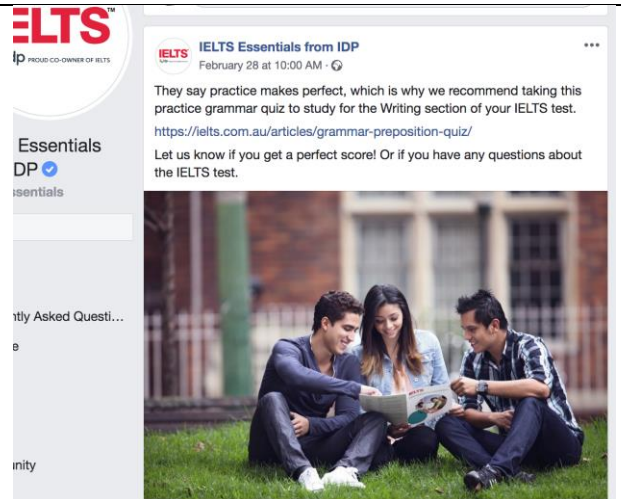
A variety of posts providing tips and strategies for Writing Task 2.



Facebook

Another of IDP Europe’s social media channels which includes regular posts on tips (visuals or video extracts), test dates, events, testimonials and more:

www.facebook.com/IELTS.IDP.Europe



IELTS Essentials YouTube channel

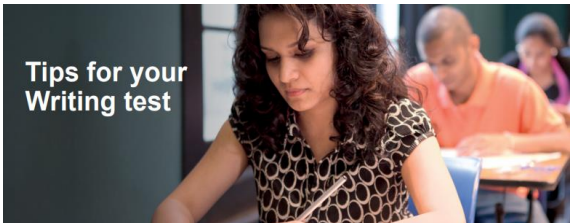


Videos providing tips and advice for candidates.



Videos of relevance to Writing Task 2 include:

- **IELTS Advantage** - featuring more than 40 minutes of IELTS tips, presented by IELTS Expert, Don Oliver, including FAQs on the Writing Test
- **Writing Test Tips** for Computer Delivered IELTS (CDIELTS) – various videos available
- **IELTS Writing Assist** – an introduction to this service which allows candidates to practise their writing skills and receive a personalised action plan to improve their score [Paid for service]
- **Handy tips to help with your Writing test on a computer!** - Explaining IELTS on computer
- **Understanding the IELTS assessment criteria**



<p>IELTS Support Tools A booklet, available online, which provides an overview of the IELTS test and some tools and advice to help candidates prepare.</p> <p>https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1_6e194e9077c940d8bec10a11c4e04b1e.pdf</p>	<p>The document includes tips for the Writing test, alongside the marking criteria for Writing Task 1.</p> 
 <p>IELTS Guide for Teachers Provides further information about the test, detailed descriptions of test scores and resources to assist in preparing students for IELTS.</p> <p>It also has information about the professional development opportunities for teachers offered by IELTS examining and research.</p> <p>https://77de0ed6-5bda-4a8d-9bfc-a94787902305.filesusr.com/ugd/2a2ab1_7ab7ee731d204b57bf8167647862f53f.pdf</p>	<p>To support teachers in preparing candidates for Writing Task 2, this document provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of each part of the test • A breakdown of the marking criteria for each skill • Tips from teachers on preparing candidates for each part of the test • The Writing Task 1 marking criteria.
 <p>Free IELTS Practice tests Available from the IELTS Europe website:</p> <p>https://www.ielts-europe.org/ielts-esercitazioni-pratiche</p>	<p>Specific Writing Task 2 papers are available for both the paper-based and computer delivered test formats.</p>



IELTS Progress Check

IELTS Progress Check provides access to full online IELTS practice tests marked by IELTS experts. You will receive an indicative band score for each section of the IELTS test and an indicative overall band score.

This service needs to be paid for.

<https://www.ieltsessentials.com/prepare/ielts-progress-check>

There are four different practice tests available, each one containing a Writing Task 1 component.



Practice all 4 IELTS test sections



All tests are marked by official IELTS markers



Receive your indicative band score in 5 working days



Receive an official feedback report in 5 working days

Other resources

The following websites and self-study books provide useful advice and resources to help prepare candidates for all aspects of the IELTS test. The books can also be a good source of supplementary material for use by teachers in a classroom situation [available for purchase via Amazon:

- **IELTS.org – the main IELTS website.** Includes an IELTS for teachers section with YouTube video teaching tips for the classroom: <https://www.ielts.org/teaching-and-research/ielts-for-teachers>
- www.ielts-simon.com – a valuable source of advice and mini lessons on different areas of the IELTS exam with a section dedicated to IELTS Writing Task 2. He provides sample answers and other tips and strategies on how to approach this part of the test
- <http://www.ieltsbuddy.com> - online lessons, practice for all papers, vocabulary, grammar and sample reports and essays with a section dedicated to Writing Task 2
- <http://ieltsliz.com> - tips, lessons and other useful information from a UK-based IELTS teacher, Liz. She also has a very comprehensive YouTube channel and a website section dedicated to Writing Task 2.

Self Study Books

- **IELTS Trainer** by Louise Hashemi & Barbara Thomas [Cambridge University Press 2011]
- **The Official Cambridge Guide to IELTS** by Pauline Cullen, Amanda French, Vanessa Jakeman [Cambridge University Press & UCLES 2014]
- **IELTS Advantage Writing skills** by Richard Brown, Lewis Richards [Delta Publishing 2011]
- **Vocabulary for IELTS** by Pauline Cullen [Cambridge University Press 2008]
- **Grammar for IELTS** by Diane Hopkins with Pauline Cullen [Cambridge University Press 2007]