



Understanding writing

An advanced course in writing task 2

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The aim of the course

By the end of the course, you should be able to :

- Find out your grammatical weaknesses and work on them.
- Think logically for your writings.
- Draw a very clear mind map before you start writing.
- Write coherent paragraphs with an appropriate logic.
- Present opposing ideas in one writing.
- Start WT2 course and do better.



Session one aims:

- Find some of my grammar weaknesses.
- Understand different types of writing.
- Understand what I am supposed to do for writing in general and IELTS in particular.
 - Think in a limited manner
 - Think in a controlled manner



Let's see how much you know about grammar:

The advantages of creating a sense of competition among children.

Competition is one of the popular ways to attract people to do things better. Usually, parents try to achieve their goals as soon as possible, create the competition. Therefore, if you do this between children it can be helpful for them to increase their success. For example, parents encourage their children to clean their room and whoever is clean better and faster, will have an award. The results show that children who have a sense of competition are successful in their life. *(present homework 1)*



Different types of writing:

Descriptive writing

My grandfather is old in years, but young in spirit. Every day he swims a mile and works in his garden. He and my grandfather have four children and 10 grandchildren. My grandfather loves parties and invites our entire family to his house for a big dinner on his birthday. All twenty of us eat and tell stories. My grandfather never gets tired and is always the last to go to bed. On his last birthday, my brothers and I gave him a present. We put our money together and bought him a video game system. Now he invites us to his house every weekend to play video games with him.



Argumentative writing

The biggest advantage of taking part in extra-class activities is that students may feel refreshed and strong after long hours of study. Joining a club or attending a campus event can provide the needed break from study. They may also find new friends who can be helpful for doing class projects as students should work with a team member. This is especially important for students who are feeling alone during their first days at the new school.



What is an argument? (defining argument VS. describing it)

Argument refers to the ability to convince someone to see things from your specific vantagepoint.

- *taking part in extra-class activities is good → **because** you will feel refreshed and strong after long hours of study.* (The importance of because)



Quality of an argument

- *Limited*

- *1. place 2. time 3. number 4. comparison*

1. Governments need to put taxes on product consumption in rich countries to fight poverty in poor ones.
2. Some believe people keep buying printed books, but the future technology will make real books look old as people can easily read information on their cellphones.
3. There are two advantages to buying books online, cheaper prices and saving time.



Think in a limited manner

- 1. A paragraph is a group of sentences which develop one central idea.*
- 2. The central idea is usually stated in a topic sentence.*
- 3. Every sentence in the paragraph must help the development of the topic sentence.*
- 4. Topic Sentence = TOPIC + LIMITING STATEMENT*



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The importance of counterargument

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Homework

What are some of the advantages of travelling?

