

WRITING FOR B2

Lesson 3

ESSAYS



Lessons Around the World

Organising Ideas

Write your answer in 140-190 words in an appropriate style.

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Notes

Write about:

1. housing
2. communications
3. your own idea



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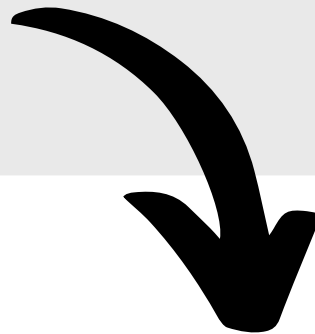
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1. INTRO
2. Idea 1
3. Idea 2
4. Idea 3
5. Conclusion - OPINION



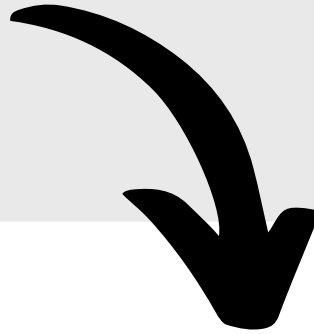
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1. INTRO----Progress vs. The environment
2. Housing Improvements. Example: New buildings in Spain.
3. Communications enable home office. Less pollution. Example: The Lockdown.
4. Technology - Air Filters, Cleaning Devices. There is still a lot to improve.
5. CONCLUSION ---OPINION. Technology and Progress is a priority when it is environmentally friendly.

Ideas

PARAGRAPHS - FOR /AGAINST

1. INTRO----Progress vs. The environment
2. Advantages - Arguments FOR
3. Disadvantages - Arguments AGAINST
4. CONCLUSION ---OPINION. It is advisable to sacrifice our comfort for the sake of the natural world. We need a place to live.



PARAGRAPHS - FOR /AGAINST

1. INTRO----Progress vs. The environment
2. Importance of Technological Progress. Improvements in lifestyle, health, education, etc.
3. Importance of nature and the environment. There is no other planet where humans can survive.
4. Both technology and the environment are the legacy we leave for future generations. Our decisions have an effect in the future.
5. CONCLUSION ---OPINION. It is advisable to sacrifice our comfort for the sake of the natural world. We need a place to live.



Inside the paragraphs

PARAGRAPHS

1. TOPIC - Hook (Question - Quote - Famous Saying)
2. IDEA + EXAMPLE
3. IDEA + EXAMPLE
4. IDEA + EXAMPLE
5. CONCLUSION ---OPINION - Final sentence

1. INTRO----Progress vs. The environment

It is said that progress is impossible without change, and our planet has been deeply impacted by human development. Therefore, it is reasonable to wonder whether mankind has chosen well its priorities.

3. Communications enable home office. Less pollution. Example: The Lockdown.

Furthermore, nowadays communications are easier and faster. Due to this, more people work from home, commute less and there is a decrease in pollution levels. For instance, during the global lockdown in 2020, more animals could be seen near urban areas, and photographs showed less smog in many cities.

5. CONCLUSION ---OPINION. Technology and Progress is a priority when it is environmentally friendly.

For all these reasons, I strongly believe that technology, investigation and progress should be a priority provided they respect, restore and protect our planet.



Expressing contrast

- On one hand,
- On the other hand,

On one hand, technology is very helpful. On the other hand, it can produce a lot of pollution.

Giving examples

- For example,
- For instance,

New materials and building techniques allow people to save energy. For example, buildings in Spain need to follow certain regulations to certify that they are environmentally friendly.



In class, you have been discussing about films and entertainment.
Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion on this topic:
Which is better? Watching a film at the cinema, or at home (online or on TV)?

Use these ideas:

- 1 - Convenience
- 2 - Experience
- 3 - Your idea

Write your essay in 140-190 words.

Task #1

Task #2

In class you have been discussing the topic of zoos.

Many people believe that animals should not be in captivity. Other people think that conservation efforts in zoos are very important.

What do you think? Is it wrong to keep animals in zoos?

Use 200-225 words.