

## Writing Task 2: Opinion and Non-Opinion Examples.

It's very useful to become familiar with the different wording used in the task sentence that tells us what type of essay we need to write in order to answer the question.

### Opinion

One of the easiest ways to decide if the question is an opinion essay is to ask yourself: Do I consider the statement or view expressed in the topic sentence to be right or wrong? Or, what are my feelings about the subject? Often, you are simply asked for or instructed to give your opinion in the task sentence.

Here are examples of opinion questions:

***Some people believe that you should be fined if you do not recycle.*** (Topic Sentence)

***To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?*** (Task Sentence)

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***It is generally believed that some people are born with a certain talent, for instance, for sport or music, while others are not. However, it is sometimes claimed that any child can be taught to become a good sportsperson or musician.*** (Topic Sentence)

***Discuss both sides and give your opinion.*** (Task Sentence)

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***Nowadays, the way that many people interact with each other has changed because of technology.*** (Topic Sentence)

***Is this a positive or negative development?*** (Task Sentence)

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***Do you think the benefits of economic development outweigh the drawbacks?*** (Topic Sentence)

***What is your opinion?*** (Task Sentence)

## Non-Opinion

For non-opinion essays, the task sentence will simply ask for your thoughts and ideas. You will not be presented with a statement or view to consider whether it's right or wrong. You simply need to **write about both aspects** given in the task sentence.

Here are examples of non-opinion questions:

***In order to get a job these days, many people do unpaid internships.*** (Topic Sentence)

***Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this.*** (Task Sentence)

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***In some countries, the average weight of people is increasing, while their levels of health and fitness are decreasing.*** (Topic Sentence)

***What problems can occur? What solutions can you suggest?*** (Task Sentence)

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***Research shows that some activities are good for health and others are bad. Despite knowing this, millions of people engage in unhealthy activities.*** (Topic Sentence)

***What are the reasons for this? How does this effect the individual and society in general?*** (Task Sentence)

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***Many people find it hard to balance their work with other parts of their lives.*** (Topic Sentence)

***What do you think are the causes of this? How can this situation be resolved?*** (Task Sentence)