

## IELTS Writing Task 2

### Planning Process (5 to 10 minutes)

#### 1. Identify the Topic.

To be certain what the topic is you need to write about, underline the key words in the introduction given in the question.

#### 2. Identify the Task

To be certain what type of essay you have to write to answer the question, underline the key words in the task sentence.

#### 3. Decide the type of essay you're going to write

##### 3.1 For **opinion** essays, decide your view

- 100% Agree - Thesis Led , one opinion throughout
- 100% Disagree - Thesis Led , one opinion throughout
- Partly Agree - Argument Led , discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Examples of **opinion** essays are, *to what extent do you agree or disagree? Is this a positive or negative development? discuss both views and give your own opinion.*

##### 3.2 For **non-opinion** essays, clarify the type of essay to write from the task.

Examples of **non-opinion** essays are, *discuss the advantages and disadvantages, problems and solutions, causes and effects, reasons and solutions.* For these tasks there is no decision to be made, you have to write about **both aspects** given in the question. For example, the **causes** of children being overweight (MB1) and the **effects** of children being overweight (MB2).

## **4. Write the introduction paragraph.**

Paraphrase the introduction given in the question. Then, depending upon whether the essay is an opinion essay or non-opinion, either state your opinion or state the type of essay you're going to write. (Refer to separate essay structure lessons for full details of each essay type introduction).

## **5. Brainstorm**

Generate ideas, reasons and examples for each controlling idea per main body paragraph.

### **Main Body 1**

**Controlling idea**

**Idea 1**

**Reason(s) 1**

**Example(s) 1**

**Idea 2**

**Reason(s) 2**

**Example(s) 2.**

### **Main Body 2**

**Controlling idea**

**Idea 1**

**Reason(s) 1**

**Example(s) 1**

**Idea 2**

**Reason(s) 2**

**Example(s) 2**

## **6. Think of ways to improve your score**

Spend only a short amount of time trying to think of any advanced vocabulary or less common words you could use. Or, any examples from your own knowledge, these will add to your score.

## **7. Begin to write the essay**

Now with all the information and thoughts you have generated and organised in your planning, begin to write your essay following the recommended essay structure (see separate essay structure lessons for full version of each essay type).

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Body Paragraphs**
- 3. Conclusion**