

WORKSHEET: KEY TO IELTS VIDEO 7 – Writing Task 2 Part 2

TASK 1

When native speakers talk, they often run words together. This can cause problems in listening. Decoding the language you hear (separating it into individual words) is a good way to practise this. Listen and fill in the gaps. Write **TWO WORDS** for each answer.

Let's (1) _____ test writer's hat (2) _____ and look at (3) _____ writing task 2 question (4) _____. The job (5) _____ test writer (6) _____ produce fair, valid, reliable tests that (7) _____ (8) _____ or show the skills (9) _____ going (10) _____ assessed on.

TASK 2

A) Listen then answer the questions:

1) What two things should a test question encourage you to do?

2) What should the test question present you with?

B) On the test question below

- underline the topic
- complete the statement with the argument or point of view

There are now millions of cars on the road in most big cities. Pollution from cars _____
_____.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

TASK 3

Listen and answer the questions.

1) Which word or phrase tells you that something is not the way it appears?

2) Which phrase is a connector that helps to show I am about to correct a mistaken idea?

TASK 4

Complete the summary of the main problems with this question using **ONE WORD ONLY**.

In terms of grammar, the statement and the question have no clear (1) _____, so they look completely (2) _____. As a result, test takers might believe it is ok to just write about the topic and to (3) _____ the first sentence in the question. Furthermore, The question only presents a (4) _____, so there is no (5) _____ here, which means we don't know what to make our position clear on.

TASK 5

What are the three ideas given that will keep you below band 7 in writing?

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

TASK 6

Complete the summary with one or two words.

Features of all Task 2 questions

A question asking you to discuss whether something is *a positive or a negative development* has to feature a (1) _____, in it with two (or more) (2) _____, to discuss. Like all task 2 questions, it must give you something that you can (3) _____.

TASK 7

A) Listen and complete the notes with **ONE WORD ONLY**

Sharing live test questions after a test

Changes

Changes are made based on factors such as:

- the 1) _____ of the test taker
- their language level
- their 2) _____ skills
- the way that they 3) _____ the question
- any fixed 4) _____ they have about IELTS

Impact

- similar poor examples are created
- test takers using these materials to practice generally only look for the 5) _____ of a question in the real test

B) What phrase did I use to explain the idea of 'confirmation bias'? _____

C) Correct this test question so that it matches the real test question from test book 15:

The growing online shopping trend is leading to shops in towns and cities being closed.
Do you agree or disagree?

TASK 8

Listen and complete the summary with 1-3 words

Your writing test examiner can only give you band 7 if you (1) _____ of the task and also (2) _____ clear (3) _____ your essay. If you see a question that only has one side or presents a fact rather than a (4) _____, argument, or a problem with (5) _____ see it as a (6) _____ - even if it is in a book or an official-looking source.

Answers:

TASK 1

1) put our, 2) back on, 3) how a, 4) actually works, 5) is to, 6) force you, 7) to use, 8) you are, 9) to be

TASK 2 :

A)

1) i) address all parts of the task,

ii) present a clear position

2) a point of view, argument, or problem (that you need to respond to.)

B)

Topic: millions of cars on the road in most big cities. Pollution from cars

Argument / point of view: (pollution from cars) is the most important problem big cities face today.

TASK 3:

1) (look) deceptively easy (to do), 2) In reality,...

TASK 4:

1) connection, 2) separate, 3) ignore, 4) fact, 5) argument

TASK 5:

ii you can ignore the statements in the question

iii you must only discuss the topic (not given your opinion)

iiii writing about just one 'side' of an issue

TASK 6:

1) development / change // development or change, 2) sides, 3) debate / discuss.

TASK 7:

A) 1 memory, 2) writing, 3) interpreted, 4) beliefs / ideas, 5) topic

B) we see what we expect to see

C) The ~~growing growth~~ in online shopping ~~trend is leading~~ will one day lead to all shops in towns and cities being closed.

TASK 8:

1) Address all parts, 2) make your position, 3) throughout, 4) point of view, 5) different sides, 6) mistake

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