

When to give your opinion in IELTS writing task 2

In IELTS writing task 2, 25% of your marks is based on addressing the task, presenting relevant ideas and developing them. This also includes following instructions very carefully. If the instructions ask for your opinion, you **MUST** give it. If the instructions don't ask for your opinion, then there is no need to give it. Do you know when you should or shouldn't give your opinion in an IELTS essay?

Below are some IELTS essay questions. Decide if you think you should give your opinion or not.

1. Some people think that rich countries should support poor countries in terms of aid for health care and education. To what extent do you agree?
2. While some people think that the problem with education in poor countries is the teaching methodology used, others believe it is the lack of resources that is the real issue. Discuss both sides.
3. With the development of modern transportation comes environmental problems. What possible solutions are there to these problems?
4. Some people believe that schools should not assess a student's ability through exams but instead assess them by their course work and project work over the whole academic year. Do you agree?
5. Having a year off before starting universities is becoming increasingly common. Do you think this is a positive or negative trend?
6. Many children no longer read books and instead spend their time using modern technology. While some people think this is a positive trend, others think it is a problem. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.
7. Due to the low cost of flights, many people are choosing to holiday abroad rather than have holidays in their own country. What are the advantages and disadvantages to this?

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Answers

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1. Yes, this task requires your opinion.
2. No, this task does not ask for your opinion. You are only required to discuss the two sides impartially.
3. No, this task does not ask for your opinion. You are only required to offer possible solutions.
4. Yes, this task requires you to give your opinion.
5. Yes, this task requires your opinion.
6. Yes, this task requires your opinion. You will need to discuss both sides impartially and also give your opinion.
7. No, this task does not ask for your opinion. You only need to state the advantages and the disadvantages.