

Writing task 2, lesson 4: Conclusions

In the video lesson I explained my technique for writing one-sentence conclusions.

Paraphrasing is the key skill to focus on if you want to become better at writing conclusions in the way that I suggest.

To highlight some examples of the paraphrasing that I used in the lesson, I've left gaps in the questions, introductions and conclusions below. Fill each gap with the word that I used in the video. Correct answers can be found on page 3.

1. Discussion question

In many cities the use of video _____ in public places is being increased in order to reduce crime, but some people believe that these measures restrict our individual freedom.

Do the benefits of increased security outweigh the drawbacks?

Introduction

It is true that video _____ has become commonplace in many cities in recent years. While I understand that critics may see this as an invasion of privacy, I believe that there are more benefits than drawbacks.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would argue that the advantages of using video _____ in public places do outweigh the disadvantages.

2. Opinion question

Families who send their children to private schools should not be _____ taxes that support the state education system.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Introduction

Some people believe that parents of children who attend private schools should not _____ to state schools through taxes. Personally, I completely disagree with this view.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I do not believe that any _____ should be made for people who choose private education.

3. Problem and solution question

In the developed world, average life expectancy is increasing. What problems will this cause for individuals and society? Suggest some measures that could be taken to _____ the impact of ageing populations.

Introduction

It is true that people in industrialised nations can expect to live longer than ever before. Although there will undoubtedly be some negative consequences of this trend, societies can take steps to _____ these potential problems.

Conclusion

In conclusion, various measures can be taken to _____ the problems that are certain to arise as the populations of countries grow older.

4. Two-part question

There are many different types of music in the world today. Why do we need music? Is the traditional music of a country more important than the international music that is heard everywhere nowadays?

Introduction

It is true that a rich variety of musical styles can be found around the world. Music is a _____ part of all human _____ for a range of reasons, and I would argue that traditional music is more important than modern, international music.

Conclusion

In conclusion, music is a _____ part of human _____, and I believe that traditional music should be given more importance than international music.

Answers

1. cameras
2. surveillance
3. security systems
4. required to pay
5. need to contribute
6. financial concessions
7. reduce
8. mitigate
9. tackle
10. vital
11. cultures
12. necessary
13. existence