

EXERCISE 1

Before planning your IELTS Writing Task 2 essay, you need to have enough ideas. If you know the IELTS topics well, you will have more ideas of what to write.

Match the topics in the box with the essay questions.

Culture	Culture	Food and drink	Free time	History	Shopping
Travel	Work or studies		Work or studies		

1. Today many parents spend less time with their children than parents in the past. Some people say that this is a serious problem. Do you agree or disagree?

2. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for countries where governments spend a lot of money on museums and monuments. _____
3. Some people believe that drinking water is the most important part of being healthy while others think eating fruit is. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. _____
4. A lot of people want to get a university education. Discuss the arguments for and against going to university. _____
5. In some countries it is traditional for men to work and women to stay at home to look after the family. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

6. Some people think that nurses should be paid more than teachers while others believe that teachers deserve higher pay than nurses. Compare both opinions and give your own view. _____
7. Traffic in big cities is increasing. What are the problems associated with too much traffic and what could the solutions be? _____
8. Some people prefer to buy things online while others choose to go into a shop. What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping in these ways?

9. Knowing the history of their country is very important to some people. What is your opinion about this? _____
10. Many people prefer to watch sport on TV rather than playing it themselves. Why is this case? What problems can this cause? _____