

Exercise 1

Read the introduction to IELTS Writing Task 2. Then read the statements. Choose True or False.

IELTS Writing Task 2

In IELTS Writing Task 2, you are given a topic to write about in an academic or neutral style. It is important to read the task carefully. Your answers should discuss the relevant issues and give evidence or examples from your own personal experience or knowledge to support your ideas.

You should spend no more than 40 minutes on this task. You are asked to write at least 250 words and will lose marks if your answer is too short. You will also lose marks for irrelevance if your response is off-topic, if it is badly organised, if there is overuse of inaccurate language or if any text is copied directly from the question.

Task 2 is worth twice as many marks as Task 1 towards your final Writing mark. Therefore, candidates who fail to attempt to answer this task fully will dramatically reduce their chances of achieving a higher band.

1. The style of language, grammar and vocabulary you use is not important when completing Task 2.
 - True
 - False
2. You need to support your ideas using your own knowledge.
 - True
 - False
3. You should aim to complete Task 2 in less than 40 minutes.
 - True
 - False

4. You won't lose marks if you don't reach the word limit of 250 words.

- True
- False

5. If your response doesn't answer the question appropriately, you will lose marks.

- True
- False

6. Sentence and paragraph structure are not assessed.

- True
- False

7. You should not copy word for word the statement or opinion as it is written in the question.

- True
- False

8. Task 1 and Task 2 are worth the same number of marks.

- True
- False