

Writing

Task 2

- 1 Read this Writing task. Put the sentences in the sample answer that follows it into their correct order.



Write about the following topic.

Some people believe that our happiness depends on how much money we have. Others say that 'money cannot buy happiness'.

Do you think that having money is the key to happiness, or are there more important factors?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Sample answer

Introduction

- a Everybody needs money. 1.....
- b We also need it to pay for the luxuries that we all enjoy, such as a cinema visit or a meal in a restaurant.
- c We spend eight hours a day or more earning it so that we can pay our bills and buy essentials.

First main paragraph

- a Is money therefore the key to happiness? 1.....
- b These include football players, actors and rock stars.
- c However, this is not the same as being happy.
- d In fact, if you believe the newspaper stories about them, many are often rude and aggressive.
- e If they are happy, they do not seem to show it.
- f There are many wealthy people in my country.
- g It is certainly true that it can buy us comfort and security.
- h This is not the sort of behaviour that we associate with happiness. 2.....

Second main paragraph

- a Therefore, if happiness does not depend on money, what factors does it depend on? 1.....
- b Some people are happy because they have good friends and enjoy an active social life.
- c Having money, for me at least, does not make me any more or any less happy.
- d Others find happiness by helping others, or by doing a job that they really enjoy.
- e Speaking personally, I am happy when doing simple things like listening to music or going for a walk. 5.....
- f This probably depends on the individual.

Conclusion

- a In conclusion, I think that there may well be a few cases where someone's happiness depends on their wealth. 1.....
- b As everyone is different, these probably vary from person to person.
- c However, this is probably rare.
- d For most people, other factors are far more important.

2 Now write your own answer to the following Writing task. Write at least 250 words.

Write about the following topic.

Some people say that in order to be happy, you must have a job you love doing. Others say that other factors are more important.

Do you think that people can only be happy if they have a job they really enjoy?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Grammar

Zero and first conditionals (if / unless)

1 Complete these sentences with *if* or *unless*.

- 1 I get the chance later, I'll call you.
- 2 People never get very far in life they have motivation.
- 3 you know someone well, you shouldn't ask them personal questions.
- 4 I'll feel happier I know you have arrived safely.
- 5 Some people get embarrassed they don't understand something properly.
- 6 I have an urgent appointment or am late, I always walk instead of taking the car.
- 7 she has therapy, she'll always be afraid of spiders.
- 8 I have a child, I won't let it suck its thumb.

② Match the two halves of the conditional sentences in the box below. Then use the sentences to complete the dialogues, 1–8.

1st clause

- a If you start eating less and get some exercise,
- b People get bored
- c Giving up something is almost impossible
- d If you don't know what a word means,
- e If you don't ask her,
- f Unless he comes in the next five minutes,
- g They can't do that
- h If I don't get this work done,

2nd clause

- i you should first try to guess its meaning from its context.
- ii unless you make a real effort.
- iii you'll never know.
- iv we'll have to go without him.
- v I'll be in trouble.
- vi if they see the same, old familiar faces every day.
- vii unless they have a good reason.
- viii you'll lose the weight you've put on.

- 1 A: We're all going out tonight. Do you want to join us?
B: Thanks, but I can't. h + v
- 2 A: I was in town yesterday, when the police stopped me and asked for some identification. When I asked why, they wouldn't tell me.
B: That's not right. g + viii
- 3 A: I weighed myself this morning. I've put on three kilos in the last month.
B: Well, there's a simple solution.
c + ii
- 4 A: I've got problems with reading. I spend a lot of time looking up words in the dictionary.
B: That's not always the best way.
d + i
- 5 A: Where's Alan? He was supposed to be here ten minutes ago.
I don't know. e + v
- 6 A: I stopped eating red meat a couple of months ago, but last night I went out for dinner. Before I knew it, I was eating a large, juicy steak.
a + viii