

■ **Task** Choose one of the statements and write a for and against essay about it.

- 1 We are losing our social skills in real life due to the amount of time we spend online. Discuss.
- 2 Modern technology has made life much better for most people in the developed world. Discuss.

■ **Ideas** Make notes about:

Essay 1

- the importance of body language and facial expressions.
- telling the truth online.
- ways of sharing our interests with people.
- ways of finding out about different cultures and beliefs.

Essay 2

- how modern technology can help people with poor mobility.
- the amount of free time we have now.
- the amount of stress in our lives.
- how modern technology develops our skills.

■ **Plan** Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Write an introduction with a clear outline of the topic.

Paragraph 2: Present the arguments in favour of the statement.

Paragraph 3: Present the arguments against the statement.

Paragraph 4: Write a conclusion to the essay. Include your own opinion.

■ **Write** Write your essay. Use the paragraph plan to help you.

■ **Check** Check the following points:

- Have you used a clear paragraph structure?
- Have you included all your points for and against the statement?
- Have you used neutral language?
- Have you checked grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation?