5D SKILLS FOR WRITING

We need to change the way we live

1 READING

a Read the essay and complete the summary with the words in the box.

against	conclusion	crisis	~~essay~~
for	growth	manage	

This [1] *essay* discusses whether population [2] _____ is a problem. It considers arguments first [3] _____ and then [4] _____ the idea and comes to the [5] _____ that there won't be any major [6] _____ if we [7] _____ resources properly.

b Read the essay again. Are the sentences true or false?

1 Population growth is a new concern.
2 Food prices are rising.
3 The shortage of water is causing climate change.
4 There are ways of turning seawater into drinking water.
5 The real issue is how we share food and water.
6 The population will eventually stop growing.

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People have always worried about population growth. It is a fact that the number of people on the planet is increasing very quickly, in some countries more than others. This puts a lot of pressure on the Earth's resources. But is population growth really leading to some kind of crisis?

Many people believe that we just cannot produce enough food to feed everyone. The increase in food prices is proof of this. Furthermore, clean drinking water is getting harder to find, a situation made worse by climate change.

However, not everyone agrees with these arguments. We could produce food much more efficiently with technology, and in the same way we could treat seawater to produce an almost endless supply of drinking water. Some people point out that our problem is distribution of resources, and this is something we can solve.

Overall, population growth is a concern, but there should be enough food and water for everyone if we become more efficient. My own view is that we can't do much about our increasing population, but we can make sure the way we produce and distribute resources is as effective and fair as possible.

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2 WRITING SKILLS Arguing for and against an idea

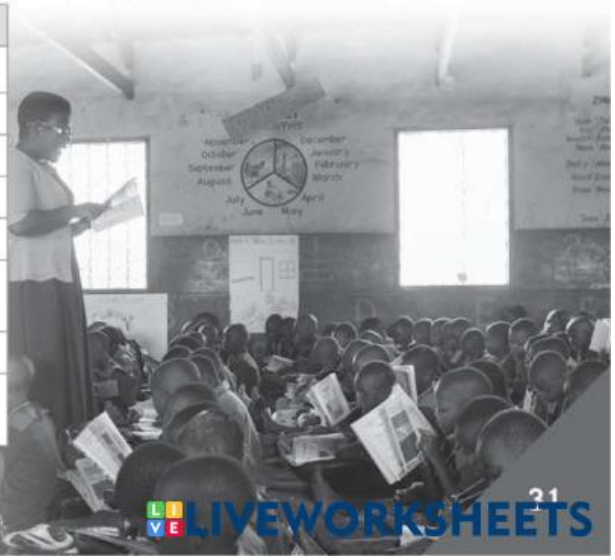
a Are the arguments for or against giving aid to developing countries? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	For	Against
1 Some of the aid is lost and stolen.		✓
2 Wealth needs to be shared around the world.		
3 We have a moral responsibility to help people in need.		
4 Giving aid makes developing countries dependent.		
5 We have problems to worry about in our own country.		
6 Developing countries could become important markets or partners.		
7 It will mean fewer problems with illegal immigration.		
8 There are always rich and poor countries – that's just how things are.		

3 WRITING

a Write an essay for and against the topic 'Richer countries should give aid to developing countries.' Use the following structure:

- *Introduction – state the problem*
- *Arguments for giving aid*
- *Arguments against giving aid*
- *Conclusion – summarise the main points and give your opinion*



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