

# Mastering IELTS Writing Task 2

**FREE PREVIEW**  
**WRITING AN INTRODUCTION**



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## STEP 4. WRITING YOUR ESSAY SENTENCE BY SENTENCE

### Introduction



#### Task 2 essay structure

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40-60  
words

**Introduction**

70-100  
words

**Body paragraph 1**

70-100  
words

**Body paragraph 2**

70-100  
words

**Body paragraph 3 (optional)**

40-60  
words

**Conclusion**

## Opinion essay

In some countries, an increasing number of children are overweight or obese as a result of eating too much fast food. Banning fast food from school canteens is the best way to fight this problem. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

## Introduction. TTP formula

<b>Topic</b>	<p>Give a general statement. What is this essay about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Importance of the topic</li><li>• Current state of the issue</li></ul>	<p><i>Excessive weight gain and obesity have become major issues among children.</i></p>
<b>Task</b>	<p>Focus on the topic question Paraphrase the topic sentence</p>	<p><i>It is argued that schools should not be allowed to sell fast food in order to reduce the rates of childhood obesity.</i></p>
<b>Position</b>	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• your opinion and/or</li><li>• essay outline</li></ul> <p><i>"This essay will discuss..."</i></p>	<p><i>Even though a straightforward ban on fast food in the school cafeteria seems to be a positive step, I do not agree that this is the most effective measure to alleviate this problem.</i></p> <p>(66 words)</p>



## Two views + your opinion

**Some people think that children should only read academic books. Others believe that reading books for pleasure is equally important. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge and experience. Write at least 250 words.



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## Two direct questions

**The best way to motivate employees is to increase their salaries. Do you agree with this statement? Are there any other ways to encourage employees to work more efficiently?**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge and experience. Write at least 250 words.



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Task

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- essay outline

*"This essay will discuss..."*



## Introduction | Two views + your opinion

<b>Topic</b>	<p>Give a general statement. What is this essay about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of the topic</li> <li>• Current state of the issue</li> </ul>	<i>Children are often encouraged to read.</i>
<b>Task</b>	<p>Focus on the topic question</p> <p>Paraphrase the topic sentence</p>	<i>However, there is a debate regarding the kind of books that is best for them. Should children only read for educational purposes or should they also read for fun?</i>
<b>Position</b>	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your opinion and/or</li> <li>• essay outline</li> </ul>	<p><i>In my opinion, both categories of books are equally important for children's development.</i></p> <p>(48 words)</p>



## Introduction | Two direct questions

<b>Topic</b>	<p>Give a general statement. What is this essay about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of the topic</li> <li>• Current state of the issue</li> </ul>	<i>Companies across the globe recognise the importance of motivating their staff to work more productively.</i>
<b>Task</b>	<p>Focus on the topic question</p> <p>Paraphrase the topic sentence</p>	<i>Some think that increasing salaries is the most effective incentive.</i>
<b>Position</b>	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your opinion and/or</li> <li>• essay outline</li> </ul>	<p><i>I disagree with this opinion and argue that other methods tend to yield even better results.</i></p> <p>(41 words)</p>

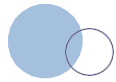


## Don't make it too general

The best way to motivate employees is to increase their salaries. Do you agree with this statement? Are there any other ways to encourage employees to work more efficiently?

### Introduction

*Companies across the globe recognise the importance of motivating their staff to work more productively. After all, companies' profits depend on how well their employees work. Businesses, therefore, try to encourage their people to work more efficiently...*



## Do's and don'ts of writing an introduction



**Don't make it too general**



**Don't make it too long**



**Don't use memorised templates**



**Do state your position**



**Write between 40 and 60 words in your introduction.**

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