

Types of questions for Task 2

1. OPINION questions

Do you agree or disagree?

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

What is your opinion?

Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

2. DISCUSSION questions.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Discuss both sides.

3. PROBLEM SOLUTION questions

What are the reasons for this, and how can the situation be improved?

Why is this? How might it be remedied?

What issues does this cause and how can they be addressed?

4. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES questions

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your opinion.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this. ***

5. MULTIPLE/ TWO PART questions.

Some parents buy their children whatever they ask for and allow their children to do whatever they want.

Is this a good way to raise children? What consequences could this style of parenting have for children as they get older?

1. Structure of an Opinion question task

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- Give your opinion / answer the question
- State **two** supporting reasons (optional)

2) Main body paragraph 1

- Topic sentence – **outline 1st reason** for supporting this view
- Explanation – explain this idea
- Example – give an example or expand the idea

3) Main body paragraph 2

- Topic sentence – **outline 2nd reason** for supporting this view
- Explanation – explain this idea
- Example – give an example or expand the idea

4) Conclusion

Summarise **opinion** and key reasons

Do you agree or disagree?

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

What is your opinion?

Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

(How much do I agree with the statement?)

I strongly/ totally, completely, partially agree or disagree/ I equally agree and disagree

Example of an Opinion question task

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- Give your opinion / or thesis statement
- State two supporting reasons

2) Main body paragraph 1

- Topic sentence – outline 1st reason for supporting this view
- Explanation – explain this idea
- Example – give an example or expand the idea

3) Main body paragraph 2

Topic sentence – outline 2nd reason for supporting this view

- Explanation – explain this idea
- Example – give an example or expand the idea

4) Conclusion

Summarise opinion and key reasons

Currently there is a trend towards the use of alternative forms of medicine. However, at best these methods are ineffective, and at worst they may be dangerous.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Alternative medicine is not new. It is accepted that it pre-dates conventional medicine and it is still used by many people all over the world. I am unconvinced that it is dangerous and feel that both alternative and conventional medicine can be useful.

There are several reasons why the conventional medical community is often dismissive of alternatives. Firstly, there has been little scientific research into such medicine, so there is a scarcity of evidence to support the claims of their supporters. Furthermore, people often try such treatment because of recommendations from friends, and therefore come to the therapist with a very positive attitude, which may be part of the reason for the cure. Moreover, these therapies are usually only useful for long-term, chronic conditions. Acute medical problems, such as accidental injury, often require more conventional methods.

On the other hand, there remain strong arguments for the use of alternatives. Despite the lack of scientific proof, there is a lot of anecdotal evidence to suggest that these therapies work. In addition, far from being dangerous, they often have few or no side effects, so the worst outcome would be no change. One of the strongest arguments for the effectiveness of alternative therapies in the West is that, whilst conventional medicine is available without charge, many people are prepared to pay considerable sums for alternatives. If they were totally unhelpful, it would be surprising if this continued.

I strongly believe that conventional medicine and alternative therapies can and should coexist. They have different strengths and can both be used effectively to target particular medical problems. The best situation would be for alternative therapies to be used to support and complement conventional medicine.

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2. Structure of a Discussion question task

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- State two supporting reasons

Give your opinion

Discuss both views and give your opinion.
Discuss both sides and give your opinion.
Discuss both sides.

2) Main body paragraph 1

- Topic sentence – outline the first view
- Explanation – explain why this view is held by some people
- Reason why you agree or disagree w this view
- Example – give an example to support your view

3) Main body paragraph 2

- Topic sentence – outline the second view
- Explanation – explain why this view is held by some people
- Reason why you agree or disagree w this view
- Example – give an example to support your view

4) Conclusion

- Summarise the key points and state your opinion

Structure of a Discussion question task

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- State both points of view

Give your opinion

2) Main body paragraph 1

- Topic sentence – outline the first view

- Explanation – explain why this view is held by some people

- Reason why you agree or disagree w this view

- Example – give an example to support your view

3) Main body paragraph 2

- Topic sentence – outline the second view

- Explanation – explain why this view is held by some people

- Reason why you agree or disagree w this view

- Example – give an example to support your view

4) Conclusion

- Summarise the key points and state which one is better or more important

- Add a final thought or suggestion

Computers are being used more and more in education. Some people say that this is a positive trend, while others argue that it is leading to negative consequences.

Discuss both sides of this argument and then give your own opinion.

There is an ever-increasing use of technology, such as tablets and laptops, in the classroom. It is often argued that this is a positive development, whilst others disagree and think it will lead to adverse ramifications. This essay agrees that an increase in technology is beneficial to students and teachers.

It is clear that the internet has provided students with access to more information than ever before. Moreover, learners can research and learn about any subject at the touch of a button. It is therefore agreed that technology is a very worthwhile tool for education. Wikipedia is a prime example, where students can simply type in any keyword and gain access to in-depth knowledge quickly and easily.

However, many disagree and feel that technology deprives people of real human interaction. Human interaction teaches people valuable skills such as discourse, debate and empathy. Despite this, human interaction is still possible through the internet and this essay disagrees technology should be dismissed for this reason. For instance, Skype, Zoom and Facebook make it possible for people to interact in ways that were never before possible.

In conclusion, while the benefits of technology, particularly the internet, allow students to tap into limitless sources of information, some still feel that people should be wary of this new phenomenon and not allow it to curb face to face interaction. However, as long as we are careful to keep in mind the importance of human interaction in education, the educational benefits are clearly positive.

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Structure of a Discussion question task

Some people think that museums should be enjoyable places to entertain people, while others believe that the purpose of museums is to educate.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

(This is an example when you don't take one side, **you agree with both sides**)

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

Give your opinion supporting both views

2) Main body paragraph 1

- Topic sentence – outline **the first view**
- Explanation – explain why this view is held by some people
- Reason why you agree or disagree w this view
- Example – give an example to support your view

3) Main body paragraph 2

- Topic sentence – outline the **second view**
- Explanation – explain why this view is held by some people
- Reason why you agree or disagree w this view
- Example – give an example to support your view

4) Conclusion

- Summarise the key points and **state your opinion**

People have different views about the role and function of museums. In my opinion, museums can and should be both entertaining and educational.

On the one hand, it can be argued that the main role of a museum is to entertain. Museums are tourist attractions, and their aim is to exhibit a collection of interesting objects that many people want to see. The average visitor may become bored if he or she has to read or listen to too much educational content, so museums often put more of an emphasis on enjoyment rather than learning. This type of museums is designed to be visually spectacular, and it may have interactive activities or even games as part of its exhibitions.

On the other hand, some people argue that museums should focus on education. The aim of any exhibition should be to teach visitors something that they did not previously know. Usually this means that the history behind the museum's exhibits needs to be explained, and this can be done in various ways. Some museums employ professional guides to talk to their visitors, while other museums offer headsets so that visitors can listen to detailed commentary about the exhibition. This way, museums can play an important role in teaching people about history, culture, science and many other aspects of life.

In conclusion, it seems to me that a good museum should be able to offer an interesting, enjoyable and educational experience so that people can both have fun and learn something at the same time.

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3. Structure of a Problem and Solutions question task

What are the reasons for this, and how can the situation be improved?

Why is this? How might it be remedied?

What issues does this cause and how can they be addressed?

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- State what you will explain in your essay

2) Main body paragraph 1 – Problem or Cause

- Topic sentence – state the 1st problem or cause
- Explanation – give detail explaining the problem or cause
- Example – give an example
- Topic sentence – state a 2nd problem or cause
- Explanation – give detail explaining the problem or cause
- Example – give an example

3) Main body paragraph 2 – Solution

- Topic sentence – state the solution for the 1st problem or cause
- Explanation – give detail explaining the solution
- Example – give an example
- Topic sentence – state the solution for the 2nd problem or cause
- Explanation – give detail explaining the solution
- Example – give an example

4) Conclusion

- Summarise the key points

Structure of a Problem and Solutions question task

One problem faced by almost every large city is traffic congestion.

What do you think the causes are? What solutions can you suggest?

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- State 1 key problem/cause and related solution

2) Main body paragraph 1 – Problem or Cause

- Topic sentence – state the problem or cause
- Explanation – give detail explaining the problem or cause
- Example – give an example

3) Main body paragraph 2 – Solution

- Topic sentence – state the solution
- Explanation – give detail explaining the solution
- Example – give an example

4) Conclusion

- Summarise the key points

Nowadays, traffic congestion has become a major concern in many cities across the globe. This essay will discuss the reasons behind this problem and suggest possible measures that can be implemented to handle the situation.

One of the major reasons is that the ownership of vehicles has increased in the past few years which leads to soaring number of automobiles on roads. According to some reports, Hong Kong experienced one of the biggest traffic congestions in 2014 which lasted for more than 24 hours. Secondly, in many cities the infrastructure for public transport is not fully developed and it is not available for the entire day. Due to which people prefer to use private mode of transport over public transport. Thirdly, many cities around the world are not built with proper planning and also there are narrow roads which obstruct people from commuting.

Certain measures can be taken to deal with this situation. Firstly, government should increase the quality of public transport by providing frequent services. In addition to this, fares of government transportation should also be reduced in order to promote it. Another measure is to construct wide roads and bridges so that traffic can move smoothly during peak hours. Furthermore, separate cycle lanes should be constructed, and people should be encouraged to ride bicycles. Finally, major city centres or crowded places of the city must be declared car free and fine should be imposed on those who do not follow the rules.

To sum up, by developing public transport and making rules stringent, the problem of traffic congestion can be reduced to a great extent.

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4. Structure of an Advantages and Disadvantages question task

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

Say that you will analyse the pros and cons of the situation

Give your opinion (If they ask your opinion)

2) Main body paragraph 1 – Advantages

Topic sentence - state 2 main advantages

Explain the first advantage + give an example (if possible)

Explain the second advantage + give an example (if possible)

3) Main body paragraph 2 – Disadvantages

Topic sentence - state 2 main disadvantages

Explain the first disadvantage + give an example (if possible)

Explain the second disadvantage + give an example (if possible)

If asked, give your opinion here

4) Conclusion

Briefly restate the advantages and disadvantages

+ give your final opinion

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your opinion.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this. *** (not asking for your opinion)

There are two main benefits/ advantages to

Firstly, / The main advantage is...

Secondly, / Another benefit to is ...

On the other hand, there are two main disadvantages to...

The first downside could be....

Another drawback to this is...

4. Structure of an Advantages and Disadvantages question task

A lot of places in the world rely on tourism as a main source of income. Unfortunately, tourism can also be a source of problems if it is not well-managed.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism in the modern world? Do you think that the benefits of tourism outweigh its drawbacks?

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

Say that you will analyse the pros and cons of the situation

Give your opinion (If they ask your opinion)

2) Main body paragraph 1 – Advantages

Topic sentence - state 2 main advantages

Explain the first advantage + give an

example (if possible)

Explain the second advantage + give an example (if possible)

3) Main body paragraph 2 – Disadvantages

Topic sentence - state 2 main disadvantages

Explain the first disadvantage + give an example (if possible)

Explain the second disadvantage + give an example (if possible)

If asked, give your opinion here

4) Conclusion

Briefly restate the advantages and disadvantages

+ give your final opinion

Nowadays tourism generates a significant portion of national income for many countries, but it has certain drawbacks too. This essay will examine the advantages and disadvantages of tourism and provide a logical conclusion.

The two main advantages of developed tourism industry are boost in country's economy and a large number of new job openings for the local people. Firstly, tourists spend money on a wide range of services, including hotels, amusements, transportation, food and medical services. This way, tourism yields an additional income, greatly supporting the country's economy. Secondly, tourism increases the level of employment by bringing new jobs. For instance, the influx of tourists results in a larger demand in restaurant workers, tour guides, hotel staff and employees of retail services, exhorting business owners to hire more people for these positions.

But tourism also has some major disadvantages like destruction of popular tourist destinations and development of illegal economic activities. Ancient buildings, temples and monuments struggle to cope with a vast amount of visitor's traffic and get damaged. Also, the large number of tourists can cause environmental problems. For instance, when places of interest are overcrowded, natural resources often become overexploited. What's more, the presence of a considerable number of tourists with a lot of money to spend, and often carrying valuables such as cameras and jewelry, increases the attraction for criminals and brings with it activities like robbery and drug dealing. However, proper hospitality management and correct usage of tourism revenue by the local government can eliminate these disadvantages.

To conclude, although tourism can have certain negative effects like destructive impact and growth of crime rate, it has an extremely positive influence on country's economy and provides a large number of new jobs for the local people. I believe that these benefits of tourism outweigh its drawbacks.

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5. Structure of a **Mixed/ TWO PART QUESTION** question task

Some parents buy their children whatever they ask for and allow their children to do whatever they want.

Is this a good way to raise children? What consequences could this style of parenting have for children as they get older?

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- Outline sentence – state your answer to both questions

2) Main body paragraph 1 – Answer question 1

- Topic sentence – state your answer
- Explanation – develop the idea
- Example – give an example

3) Main body paragraph 2 – Answer question 2

- Topic sentence – state your answer
- Explanation – develop the idea
- Example – give an example

4) Conclusion

Summarise both questions and answers

5. Structure of a **Mixed/ TWO PART** questions task

Fossil fuels are essential for producing electricity, powering industry and fueling transportation.

However, one day we will reach a point when all the world's fossil fuels have been depleted.

How can we conserve these resources? What are some alternatives to fossil fuels?

1) Introduction

Paraphrase the question

- Outline sentence – state your answer to both questions

2) Main body paragraph 1 – Answer question 1

- Topic sentence – state your answer
- Explanation – develop the idea
- Example – give an example

3) Main body paragraph 2 – Answer question 2

- Topic sentence – state your answer
- Explanation – develop the idea
- Example – give an example

4) Conclusion

Summarise both questions and answers

Non-renewable sources such as crude oil play a very important role in production of energy and power for the industries and transportation. Due to their over usage, these sources are close to depletion. This essay will discuss methods to save these resources from getting depleted and also suggest other methods.

A major percentage of the non-renewable sources are used for transportation. To save these fuels, some methods like, promotion of the use of public transport and sharing the vehicles by the people travelling similar routes can be encouraged. For example, government of Delhi has made a rule of Odd and Even wherein, people can use their vehicles on specific allotted days depending upon their number plate being odd or even. Hence, this action encouraged increased use of metros and car-pooling among the people, thereby reducing the consumption of these resources.

As these sources are non-renewable, other options such as, hydroelectricity and wind electricity for generation of power can be some excellent alternatives, as they are freely available and in ample amounts. Moreover, the production of energy from water and air does not produce any harmful gases that can cause air pollution. For instance, a recent study suggested that the generation of the power from water is a more economical and predictable process. Therefore, these alternative sources of energy show promising growth for the future.

In conclusion, fossil fuels play a critical part in energy generation for industrial work and transportation. This essay discussed that, promoting the use of public transport and car-pooling can be some methods to save these resources. In addition, production of power from water and air are upcoming substitutes for depleting sources.

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Two questions task

Most people agree that money cannot be happiness. Why is happiness difficult to define? How can people achieve happiness?

Two question Essay

Rephrase question
"This essay discusses..." +
[question 1] and [question 2]

question 1

question 2

1. Summarise the main points of question 1

2. Summarise the main points of question 2.

Most people believe that there is no direct relation between money and happiness. There are various factors other than money that can make people happy. Happiness is a feeling that depends upon the needs of an individual and this makes it difficult to define. There are plenty of ways through which people can achieve happiness.

Happiness is a subjective feeling, which makes it difficult to define. In other words, happiness depends entirely on an individual and his or her needs at any point of time. Different people might have different needs; hence factors which make people happy vary from person to person. Generally speaking, people tend to feel happy when their needs are satisfied / fulfilled. Furthermore, as the needs of people change over the years, the factors influencing their happiness also change, making it more difficult to define happiness. For instance, a chocolate can make a child happy; however, it does not mean much for an adult. Money might be a source of happiness for an adult, but it is of little value for a child.

There can be different factors which makes people feel happy. One of the factors that might lead to happiness is job satisfaction. If people are satisfied with the kind of job they are doing, they tend to feel happy. Another factor leading to happiness is a loving family and friends. If the people in an individual's life are loving and caring, they tend to be happy. Finally, doing social work can also lead to happiness. In other words, people feel happy when they serve the society and contribute towards making it a better place to live in. For example, a doctor might find happiness in treating people for free.

In conclusion, there are several factors that can contribute towards happiness of different individuals. However, specific factors which make individuals happy are those which satisfy their needs at that point of time.

Useful vocabulary/phrases to open/start the essay:

Many/some people claim/opine/believe that...

There is no denying that...

It is often said that...

These days.../ Nowadays.../ Currently...

It goes without saying that...

It is universally accepted that...

We live in an age when many of us are...

People are divided in their opinion regarding...

.... is one of the most important issues...

Whether or is a controversial issue...

Useful vocabulary/phrases to end the Introduction part:

Let us examine both views before reaching a concrete decision.

The following paragraphs discuss whether or and reach a reasonable conclusion.

The following essay takes a look at both sides of the argument.

My two cents go for...

However, I strongly believe that...

I oppose the view and my reasons will be explained in the following paragraphs.

I will support this view with arguments in the following paragraphs.

I personally believe that...

Thus, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages...

I wholeheartedly believe that this trend should be changed.

Vocabulary for the opinion part:

According to the essay types (learn what are the IELTS essay types) use one of the following connective words/ linking phrases to write down your opinion. However remember that if the question **does not ask you to give your opinion but to compare advantages and disadvantages, then you should not strongly express your opinion**. An opinion should only be written for opinion essays.

Agreeing

In my opinion...

I strongly opine that...

I strongly agree with the idea that...

I strongly disagree with the given topic...

I think...

My opinion is that...

Personally speaking...

In my view...

I believe...

Apparently...

Personally speaking...

From my point of view... (Not 'In my point of view')

As far as I am concerned...

From my perspective...

I realize...

To my way of thinking...

It seems to me that...

To me...

To my mind...

My own view on the matter is...

It appears that...

I feel that...

I understand...

I suppose...

Disagreeing:

□ Whereas/While/Although/Even though some might believe that..., I personally think ...

□ Whereas/While/Although/Even though some might believe that..., I personally think otherwise/disagree.

□ Despite many people's view that..., I tend to think..

Linking your sentences

Addition:

moreover, furthermore, in addition, further, next, first, second, etc., firstly, secondly, etc., in the first place, in the second place, etc.

Contrast:

however, yet, in contrast, conversely, on the other hand, on the contrary, otherwise, nevertheless, notwithstanding, in spite of this, by contrast, whereas

Conclusion or Summary:

as a result, as has been noted, as I have said, as mentioned earlier, in conclusion, to conclude, in brief, finally, in other words, in short, in a/one word, on the whole, therefore, in summary, to summarize, to sum up, in a nutshell, all in all.

Comparison:

likewise, similarly, in the same way, in like manner

Cause, result, purpose:

therefore, thus, hence, consequently, after all, accordingly, knowing this, with this in mind

Example, restatement:

for example, for instance, more specifically, in particular, indeed, namely, specifically, to illustrate, in other words, in fact, that is, in brief

Time:

afterwards, soon, meanwhile, in the meantime, next, then, later, eventually, at the same time, in the same instant, today, nowadays, in the beginning, to begin, in time, in future, finally, initially, subsequently, simultaneously.

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| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses all parts of the task presents a clear position throughout the response presents, extends and supports main ideas, but there may be a tendency to over-generalise and/or supporting ideas may lack focus |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses all parts of the task although some parts may be more fully covered than others presents a relevant position although the conclusions may become unclear or repetitive presents relevant main ideas but some may be inadequately developed/unclear |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses the task only partially; the format may be inappropriate in places expresses a position but the development is not always clear and there may be no conclusions drawn presents some main ideas but these are limited and not sufficiently developed; there may be irrelevant detail |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> responds to the task only in a minimal way or the answer is tangential; the format may be inappropriate presents a position but this is unclear presents some main ideas but these are difficult to identify and may be repetitive, irrelevant or not well supported |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not adequately address any part of the task does not express a clear position presents few ideas, which are largely undeveloped or irrelevant |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> barely responds to the task does not express a position may attempt to present one or two ideas but there is no development |

Should I give my opinion?

1. don't put your opinion unless you are asked to give it
2. if the question asks what **you** think, you **MUST** give your opinion to get a good score
3. don't leave your opinion until the conclusion
4. don't sit on the fence – take a clear position
5. keep the same position throughout your essay

Types of Essay Instructions

Here are examples of instructions that require you to give your opinion:

- “...do you agree or disagree?” – it means you should give your opinion
- “...do you think...?” – it means you should give your opinion
- “... your opinion...?” – it means you should give your opinion
- “...what is your view?” – it means you should give your opinion
- “Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?” – this is asking for your opinion (your answer) not the opinions of other people
- Are there more benefits or more drawbacks? – this is a paraphrase of the above instructions
- “Is this positive or negative?” – this is asking for you to choose and explain your opinion
- “Do you think this is a good thing?” – this is asking you to evaluate if something is good or bad

Improve your sentences (common mistakes)

*England, together with most other Western European countries in the 18th Century undergoing industrialisation, **transitioned** from a largely agrarian society to a more factory orientated economy.*

***England transitioned** from a largely agrarian society to a more factory orientated economy, much like most other Western European countries in the 18th Century undergoing industrialisation.*



(Clear sentence:
Keep the subject and the action close.)

The factories with the most equipment, the best technology, and working environment that has rapidly adopted automation, ultimately and most frequently have prospered.

The factories that have ultimately and most frequently prospered, have the most equipment, the best technology, and a working environment that has rapidly adopted automation.



Variety

Each sentence must be different from the last, this creates interest.

Vary your usage. Short – long – short. sentence moves into a long sentence.

Sentence openings should not be repeated twice in a row.

Listen how boring this sounds:

There are many countries that have banned smoking in public places and have greatly increased the quality of life of their citizens. There are many other ways to improve a society, a government could reduce taxes then there would be more money for each person...

Check for dependent and independent clauses

Even though he arrived late, he did not apologize.

Pollution will get worse ***if*** car emissions are not reduced.

While the number of people going to Japan increased, the number going to the UK decreased.

I don't know ***when*** he will arrive.

Run on sentences

I love to write papers I would write one every day if I had the time.

Revision example: I love to write papers. I would write one every day if I had the time.

I love to write papers; I would write one every day if I had the time.

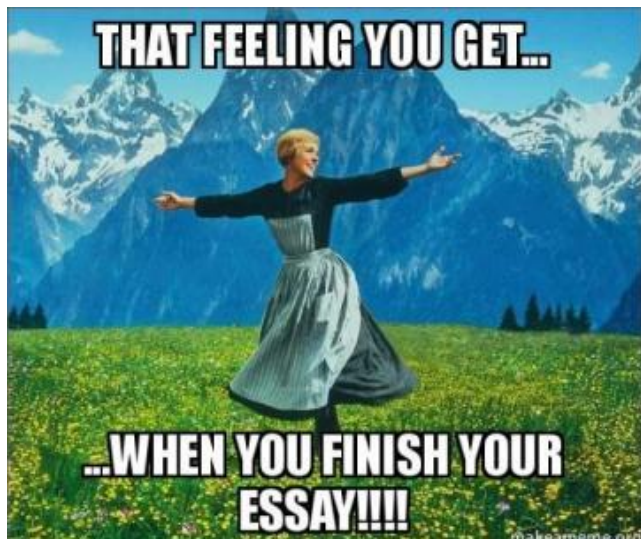
I love to write papers, **and** I would write one every day if I had the time.

Because I love to write papers, I would write one every day if I had the time.

Sentence Fragments

The doctors, who were using peer-reviewed research articles that contributed to the body of knowledge in their fields, which was obstetrics.

Revision: The doctors, who were using peer-reviewed research articles that contributed to the body of knowledge in their field, **improved their knowledge of** obstetrics.



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