



## IELTS Writing phrases prepositions pairwork

### Student A

Choose one of the sections below and read out phrases with that word missing until your partner guesses what needs to go in the gaps. They can only guess once per example.

#### Above

For the reasons given \_\_\_\_\_, I believe that...

Having taken all the factors \_\_\_\_\_ into account, it can be concluded that...

#### As

not as important \_\_\_\_\_....

\_\_\_\_\_ a consequence,...

As well \_\_\_\_\_....

Taking Japan \_\_\_\_\_ an example,...

#### At

\_\_\_\_\_ the same time

#### Below

I will deal with each of these points \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Between

The biggest similarity \_\_\_\_\_ the lines is...

#### For

\_\_\_\_\_ instance,...

\_\_\_\_\_ the most part

\_\_\_\_\_ this reason,...

That is true for many, but \_\_\_\_\_ others...

#### From

Far \_\_\_\_\_ the town centre

,...including examples \_\_\_\_\_ my own experience

will start to suffer \_\_\_\_\_...

#### In

\_\_\_\_\_ contrast,...

\_\_\_\_\_ many cases

To put it \_\_\_\_\_ other words,...

\_\_\_\_\_ this essay, I will...

They have several things \_\_\_\_\_ common

All \_\_\_\_\_ all

\_\_\_\_\_ addition

\_\_\_\_\_ conclusion,...

...but \_\_\_\_\_ fact,...

The main argument \_\_\_\_\_ favour of this is...

\_\_\_\_\_ order to achieve...

\_\_\_\_\_ the vicinity of...

#### Than

A few percent less \_\_\_\_\_...

rather \_\_\_\_\_

There are more drawbacks \_\_\_\_\_ benefits

*Find or think of phrases that mean the same as the phrases above.*



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### Student B

Choose one of the sections below and read out phrases with that word missing until your partner guesses what needs to go in the gaps. They can only guess once per example.

#### Of

Another root cause \_\_\_\_\_ this is...

First \_\_\_\_\_ all,...

In spite \_\_\_\_\_ these differences,...

The benefits \_\_\_\_\_ using....

Another point \_\_\_\_\_ view is that...

The negative side \_\_\_\_\_ this course of action is...

I will examine the pros and cons \_\_\_\_\_...

Hundreds \_\_\_\_\_ millions of people all over the world

to the northwest \_\_\_\_\_ London

The best illustration \_\_\_\_\_ this is...

A growing number \_\_\_\_\_ people...

A significant amount \_\_\_\_\_ money...

in a suburb \_\_\_\_\_ that town

#### To

Similar \_\_\_\_\_...

Turning \_\_\_\_\_ the things that could be said against this,...

This usually leads \_\_\_\_\_...

\_\_\_\_\_ some extent/  
due \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that...

\_\_\_\_\_ summarize,...

It is easy \_\_\_\_\_ understand why...

\_\_\_\_\_ give another example...

come \_\_\_\_\_ a conclusion

close \_\_\_\_\_ the river

There are positives and negatives \_\_\_\_\_ both

preferable \_\_\_\_\_ the other options

citizens should be allowed \_\_\_\_\_...

\_\_\_\_\_ tackle this problem, parents should...

that is \_\_\_\_\_ say,...

this tends \_\_\_\_\_ cause...

take steps \_\_\_\_\_ resolve...

\_\_\_\_\_ be specific,...

According \_\_\_\_\_ the map,...

#### Up

weigh \_\_\_\_\_ both sides of the issue

#### With

This contrasts \_\_\_\_\_ the aforementioned country, where...

I will support my opinion \_\_\_\_\_ examples.

have problems \_\_\_\_\_...

*Find or think of phrases that mean the same as the phrases above.*

**Suggested alternative phrases**

*Many other phrases are possible, so please ask if you wrote something different.*

**Above**

For the reasons given \_\_\_\_\_, I believe that.../ Due to the reasons given above, I think...

Having taken all the factors \_\_\_\_\_ into account, it can be concluded that.../ Having considered all of those points, one could come to the conclusion that...

**As**

Not as important \_\_\_\_\_.../ Less important than \_\_\_\_\_ a consequence/ Because of this

As well \_\_\_\_\_,.../ In addition to...

Taking Japan \_\_\_\_\_ an example,.../ I can illustrate my point by looking at Japan, which... \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned above,.../ As I wrote above,.../ As noted above,...

**At**

\_\_\_\_\_ the same time/ Concurrently/ Simultaneously

**Below**

I will deal with each of these points \_\_\_\_\_./ Each of these issues is addressed in the following paragraph(s).

**Between**

The biggest similarity \_\_\_\_\_ the lines is.../ The way in which the two lines are most similar is...

**For**

\_\_\_\_\_ instance,.../ For example/ e.g./ One example of this is...

\_\_\_\_\_ the most part/ Mainly

\_\_\_\_\_ this reason,.../ Because of this

That is true for many, but \_\_\_\_\_ others...

**From**

,...including examples \_\_\_\_\_ my own experience/ illustrated with my own personal experience

will start to suffer \_\_\_\_\_.../ will start to have problems with...

**In**

\_\_\_\_\_ contrast,.../ This contrasts with...

\_\_\_\_\_ many cases/ Often

To put it \_\_\_\_\_ other words,.../ To explain that another way,...

\_\_\_\_\_ this essay, I will.../ I will... below.

They have several things \_\_\_\_\_ common/ There are several similarities/ They are similar in several ways

All \_\_\_\_\_ all/ Taking everything into consideration

\_\_\_\_\_ addition/ Furthermore/ Moreover

\_\_\_\_\_ conclusion,.../ To conclude,.../ To bring this essay to a conclusion,...

But \_\_\_\_\_ fact,.../ Actually

The main argument \_\_\_\_\_ favour of this is.../ The main reason why I support this is...

\_\_\_\_\_ order to achieve.../ To achieve...

\_\_\_\_\_ the vicinity of.../ near...

**Of**

Another root cause \_\_\_\_\_ this is.../ An additional fundamental reason for this is...

First \_\_\_\_\_ all,.../ Firstly,.../ First,...

In spite \_\_\_\_\_ these differences,... - Despite these areas of difference,...

The benefits \_\_\_\_\_ using.... - The positive consequences of using...

Another point \_\_\_\_\_ view is that... - Other people see it another way, being...

### **Than**

A few percent less \_\_\_\_\_.../ Two or three percent under...

rather \_\_\_\_\_/ instead of

There are more drawbacks \_\_\_\_\_ benefits/ The disadvantages outweigh the advantages

### **To**

Similar \_\_\_\_\_.../ The same in many ways as...

Turning \_\_\_\_\_ the things that could be said against this,.../ Moving onto the opposite point of view,...

This usually leads \_\_\_\_\_.../ This generally causes...

\_\_\_\_\_ some extent/ Somewhat...

Due \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that.../ Owing to...

\_\_\_\_\_ summarize,.../ To sum up,...

It is easy \_\_\_\_\_ understand why... - We can easily comprehend the reason for...

\_\_\_\_\_ give another example... - An additional example of this is...

Come \_\_\_\_\_ a conclusion - Reach a conclusion

near \_\_\_\_\_ the river/ close to the river

There are positives and negatives \_\_\_\_\_ both/ Both have pros and cons

preferable \_\_\_\_\_ the other options/ better than the alternatives

citizens should be allowed \_\_\_\_\_.../ ... should be permitted to citizens

\_\_\_\_\_ tackle this problem, parents should.../ in order to solve this problem, parents ought to...

that is \_\_\_\_\_ say,.../ in other words

this tends \_\_\_\_\_ cause.../ this often leads to...

take steps \_\_\_\_\_ resolve.../ do something in order to tackle...

\_\_\_\_\_ be specific,.../ specifically...

According \_\_\_\_\_ the map,.../ From the information on the map we can say that...

### **Up**

Weigh \_\_\_\_\_ both sides of the issue - Look at both points of view

### **With**

This contrasts \_\_\_\_\_ the aforementioned country, where.../ This is different to the country mentioned above, where...

I will support my opinion \_\_\_\_\_ examples./ using examples to back up my views

have problems \_\_\_\_\_.../ suffer from