

IELTS Writing Task Two on technology

Discuss your opinions on the topics below with one or two other students, starting with topics which are easy, you have strong opinions about, etc. Don't think about how you would write an answer yet, but do try to stick closely to answering the questions that are there.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people think that governments using technology to monitor people will be a good thing while others are worried about the loss of freedom that it could bring.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people say that nuclear power is too dangerous and should be banned.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Social media allows us to find communities of similar-minded people online but can also mean that we communicate less with the people who live and work nearby.

Do the advantages of social media outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Technology has made language learning easier but has also made it easier to avoid the need to learn another language.

Which is the greater effect, in your opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Although the paper-free office has long been predicted, many workplaces actually use more and more paper.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

All around the world more and more music is available to listen to for free.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for musicians, for the music industry and for people who listen to music.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Compare the advantages and disadvantages of using two of the following solutions to the problem of road accidents. State which you consider to be the most suitable.

- **banning all private cars**
- **lower speed limits**
- **more autonomous vehicles (= self-driving cars)**
- **more technology to find and punish unsafe driving**
- **banning older, more unsafe vehicles from the roads**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Use of air conditioning is increasing around the world.

Can this trend be slowed down, stopped or reversed? What factor will have the greatest impact on the use of air conditioning in the future?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand, couldn't answer, etc.

Plan some of the essays above, compare your plans, then write an introduction matching one of those plans.

Do the task on the next page as timed writing practice, in exactly 40 minutes from first looking at the task to finishing editing and putting your pen down (not looking at the task before your start your stopwatch).

Extra task for (timed) writing practice

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In many countries governments pay subsidies to make it cheaper for people to buy more ecologically friendly vehicles such as electric cars.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this policy?

Do you think it is a good idea in most countries?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.
