

Writing Task 2

Types of questions and structure

Opinion Questions (Agree or Disagree)

- **Typical Question Words—**

- What is your opinion?
- Do you agree or disagree?
- To what extent do you agree or disagree?

- **Structure**

- **Introduction**

- Problem – Thesis (reflects your opinion) – Outline.

- **Main Body Paragraph 1**

- Topic Sentence (Supporting idea 1) – Explanation – Example – Link (?)

- **Main Body Paragraph 2**

- Topic Sentence (Supporting idea 2) – Explanation – Example – Link (?)

- **Conclusion**

- Summary – state your opinion strongly

Advantages and Disadvantages Questions

- **Typical Question Words**
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages.
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your own opinion.
- **Structure**
- **Introduction**
- Problem – Thesis (There are both...) – Outline.
- **Main Body Paragraph 1**
- Topic Sentence (Advantages) – Extension/Explanation - Example – Extension/Explanation - Example
- **Main Body Paragraph 2**
- Topic Sentence (Disadvantages) – Extension/Explanation - Example – Extension/Explanation - Example
- **Conclusion**
- Summary – state your opinion strongly

Discuss Both Views Question (Discussion Essay)

- **Typical Question Words**
- Discuss both points of view and give your opinion.
- **Example Question**
- 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.
- **Structure**
- **Introduction**
- Problem – Thesis (Some say..., while others....) – Outline.
- **Main Body Paragraph 1**
- Topic Sentence (Viewpoint 1) – Extension/Explanation - Example – Concluding sentence/link
- **Main Body Paragraph 2**
- Topic Sentence (Viewpoint 2) – Extension/Explanation - Example – Concluding sentence/link
- **Conclusion**
- Summary – state your opinion strongly (which view is better)

Problem and Solution Questions

- **Typical Question Words**
 - Problem and solution.
 - Cause and solution.
- **NB** find the samples we worked earlier with. The structure heavily depends on a particular task
- **Structure**
- **Introduction**
 - Paraphrased question – Thesis (There **is smth causing problems / are problems**) – Outline (solutions are possible).
- **Main Body Paragraph 1**
 - Topic sentence (State problem) - Extension/Explanation - Result - Example
- **Main Body Paragraph 2**
 - Topic Sentence (state solution) – Extension/Explanation - Example
- **Conclusion**
 - Summary – Recommendation or Prediction

Two-Part Questions

- **Typical Question Words**
- There will normally be a statement and they will then ask you to answer two separate questions.
- **Structure**
- **Introduction**
- Problem (paraphrased question) – Thesis (mention both questions).
- **Main Body Paragraph 1**
- Topic Sentences (Answer first question directly) - Explanation why - Further explanation - Example – Concluding/link
- **Main Body Paragraph 2**
- Topic Sentences (Answer second question directly) - Explanation why - Further explanation - Example – Concluding/link
- **Conclusion**
- Summary – conclusion (further development)