

GENERAL CHECK · ALL CRITERIA

Writing Task 2 Checklist

Check your essay against all four IELTS marking criteria before you finish.

Task Response

- I answered every part of the question.
- I gave a clear opinion and kept it consistent throughout.
- Each idea is explained and developed, not just listed.
- I included relevant, specific examples for my ideas.
- I wrote 250+ words, with paragraphs of a similar length.

Coherence and Cohesion

- My essay has a clear intro, body paragraphs, and conclusion.
- Each paragraph covers ONE main idea only.
- I used linking words naturally, not just firstly, secondly.
- My pronouns and references are clear (no vague it, this, they).
- My conclusion does not just repeat the introduction word for word.

Lexical Resource

- I used a range of vocabulary, not the same words repeated.
- I used topic-specific vocabulary correctly.
- I avoided informal language and contractions (don't, can't).
- I checked the spelling of key vocabulary.
- Less common words and collocations are used naturally, not forced.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

- I used a mix of simple and complex sentences.
- I checked subject-verb agreement throughout.
- My verb tenses are correct and used consistently.
- I checked articles (a, an, the) and prepositions.
- I checked punctuation, especially commas and full stops.

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