

**SET IELTS – Week 2:**

**Writing Task 2**

The IELTS Academic Writing Task 2 assesses a candidate's ability to write a well-structured essay in response to a given question.

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You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

***International tourism has brought enormous benefit to many places. At the same time, there is concern about its impact on local inhabitants and the environment.***

***Do the disadvantages of international tourism outweigh the advantages?***

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

Write at least 250 words.

There are some essential steps to help a candidate answer the IELTS Academic Writing Task 2 effectively:

### 1. Understand the question:

The first step in answering the IELTS Academic Writing Task 2 is to carefully read and analyse the question. You should identify the key words, understand the question requirements, and plan your response.

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### 2. Consider and Organise Ideas:

You should think about the topic and spend about 5 minutes planning before you start writing. This will help you to organize your ideas and structure your essay effectively. A clear introduction, main body paragraphs with supporting evidence, and a conclusion should be included.

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of international tourism?
- How would you organize your ideas into paragraphs?

### 3. Write the Introduction:

You should write a short introduction to introduce the topic and outline the organization of the essay. You can do this by paraphrasing the question:

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*“Many countries have greatly benefitted from international tourism, but some people are concerned that the people and natural habitats in these places can be affected negatively. This essay will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of international tourism and reach a conclusion about whether the downsides outweigh the benefits.”*

#### **4. Develop Arguments and Use Examples:**

In the main body paragraphs, you should develop your arguments clearly and logically, with evidence to support your claims. You should also use relevant and specific examples to support your arguments. You can do this by using the acronym ORE (Opinion, Reason, Example) when you are writing your sentences in the main body.

*“In my opinion, international tourism can be very beneficial to local inhabitants because tourists will spend a lot of money and help develop the area. A good example of this is in developing countries where tourism can create many jobs for local people and improve living standards.”*

#### **5. Write a Conclusion:**

You should write a conclusion at the end of the writing to summarise the main points and provide your final opinion on the topic. You can do this by repeating and then rephrasing some language from the introduction and main body:

*“This essay has discussed the advantages and disadvantages of international tourism, particularly the impact on the local inhabitants and environment of touristic locations. In summary, there are many benefits and downsides to tourism, but I believe that the advantages are greater than the disadvantages because of the development and job opportunities available to local people and the local area.”*

#### **6. Check your Writing:**

After writing, you should check your essay to ensure that you have addressed all aspects of the question and responded appropriately. You should also proofread your work for errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

**Top Tips for Task 2 Writing:**

- In the introduction, you do not need to use synonyms for all the words from the question; change the ones you can and add ideas from your own opinion.
- If you get confused about what to write in the main body, remember to use ORE to create a logical paragraph where you give your opinion and support this with reasons and examples.
- If you do not know what to write in the conclusion, rephrase what you said in the introduction and make sure you answer the question.
- Manage your time efficiently: spend around 5 minutes planning, 30 minutes writing your essay, and about 5 minutes for checking and editing.