

Master IELTS Writing Task 2

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Finding arguments



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FINDING ARGUMENTS: STRATEGY

Where should you look for arguments?

economic	environmental
social	political
psychological	physical health
moral/ethical	educational

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economic	economic growth, employment, wealth	environmental
social		political
psychological		physical health
moral/ethical		educational

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Where should you look for arguments?

economic

environmental

social

relationships between
people and groups

political

psychological

physical health

moral/ethical

educational

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Where should you look for arguments?

economic

environmental

social

political

psychological

mental and
emotional health

physical health

moral/ethical

educational

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Where should you look for arguments?

economic

environmental

social

political

psychological

physical health

moral/ethical

fairness, equality,
human rights

educational

FINDING ARGUMENTS: STRATEGY

Where should you look for arguments?

economic	health of the planet, avoiding climate crisis	environmental
social		political
psychological		physical health
moral/ethical		educational

FINDING ARGUMENTS: STRATEGY

Where should you look for arguments?

economic

environmental

social

stability and safety of
the country/world

political

psychological

physical health

moral/ethical

educational

FINDING ARGUMENTS: STRATEGY

Where should you look for arguments?

economic

environmental

social

political

psychological

avoiding illness, life expectancy

physical health

moral/ethical

educational

FINDING ARGUMENTS: STRATEGY

Where should you look for arguments?

economic

environmental

social

political

psychological

physical health

moral/ethical

learning and personal
development

educational

FINDING ARGUMENTS: EXAMPLE

It should be the goal of international organisations to make sure that every person on the planet has a functioning electronic device, such as a smartphone, and access to the internet. Do you agree?

Economic	It would help globalisation and international trade
Social	Social media would allow us to make friends from across the world
Psychological	We would become more broad-minded and open, thus healthier
Moral/ethical	Everyone would feel that they were treated more fairly and would have equal opportunities

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It should be the goal of international organisations to make sure that every person on the planet has a functioning electronic device, such as a smartphone, and access to the internet. Do you agree?

Environmental	News about the ecological crisis and how to fight it would spread; we would use less paper
Political	It would lead to greater political freedom around the world, which would eventually make governments and political systems more stable
Physical health	People could use apps to help them become fitter
Educational	We would have access to a tremendous amount of information on a wide range of subjects

FINDING ARGUMENTS: EXAMPLE

Schools should recognise the importance of technology in the modern world and provide all of their pupils with a smartphone or similar device. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of such a policy?

ADVANTAGES

Economic	It would train pupils for the world of work
Social	Pupils will meet new friends online and develop social skills
Psychological	Pupils will feel stimulated, connected, purposeful and happy
Moral/ethical	Everyone will be given the same opportunities

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Schools should recognise the importance of technology in the modern world and provide all of their pupils with a smartphone or similar device. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of such a policy?

ADVANTAGES

Environmental	Less paper will be needed; fewer trees will have to be chopped down
Political	Pupils will learn about the importance of their country, and their civic duty
Physical health	Smartphones contain apps which can be used to improve personal health
Educational	Children will learn through interactive apps far more than with a teacher

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Schools should recognise the importance of technology in the modern world and provide all of their pupils with a smartphone or similar device. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of such a policy?

DISADVANTAGES

Economic	This will cost a great deal of money which could be better spend in other areas
Social	Face-to-face interaction will decrease
Psychological	Pupils can see violent or pornographic material online, which will damage them emotionally
Moral/ethical	This will widen the gap between rich countries and the poor countries which cannot afford to do it

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Schools should recognise the importance of technology in the modern world and provide all of their pupils with a smartphone or similar device. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of such a policy?

DISADVANTAGES

Environmental	Smartphones require non-renewable resources such as copper
Political	Pupils will see fake news and stop trusting the government
Physical health	Pupils will adopt a sedentary lifestyle
Educational	Pupils will stop listening to the teacher

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