

## 8.16 Writing exercise 1

Q: Some people think that the best way to reduce the time spent in travelling to work is to replace parks and gardens close to the city center with apartment buildings for commuters. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

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Comment [Dave1]: slightly misunderstood the question

Introduction (2 sentences):

1 – Paraphrase/say the topic

2 – say your opinion

Body 1: this would help because people could walk to take public transport to work

Body 2: however, this solution would not be effective overall as it would lead to high population density in urban areas

Conclusion: repeat your ideas and your opinion

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study some other sample answers and take some time to practice the structure

introductions – look at a topic – write an introduction – check with the sample answer

keep repeating until you feel confident with introductions

topic sentences

examples

Generally speaking, ~~commuting time~~ time spent commuting is considered as one of the most significant factors ~~in impacting~~ living standards in ~~a modern~~ country and cities. For this reason, some suggest that ~~the~~ places for entertainment like gardens

Comment [Dave2]: don't worry too much about paraphrasing – change a few words but just write it quickly

should be moved out of the city center in order to construct more apartments for the sake of commuters time. While it is essential to uphold the importance of improve/prioritize efficiency, such radical measures s would be highly likely to be counter-productive and create cause unintended results harm if implemented.

**Comment [Dave3]:** careless mistakes with plural

**Comment [Dave4]:** don't need to keep repeating it

**Comment [Dave5]:** short and simple – two sentences

**Comment [Dave6]:** very clear opinion!

What would happen if the replacement was put into practice? Nothing could be achieve for three reasons. If parks were replaced with apartments, this would not alleviate traffic concerns. Firstly, it would be wasteful. The costs of replacing the parks with apartment blocks of flat would definitely likely make our economy suffered a huge loss in require significant government spending that are could otherwise be used to maintain our public services such as transport systems. Secondly, it would be inhumane. Residents near the parks have the human rights that must not be taken from them including the right to exercises, relax ing and breath the hing some fresh air. Finally, it would be detrimental for health. Modern cities are facing the increased pressure caused by from air pollution and heat island effect rising temperatures. Not only would this measure exacerbate this problems by cutting down plenty of trees and removing the grass, but is also it is likely to cause more other unexpected environmental issues.

**Comment [Dave7]:** don't use questions – a little too informal

**Comment [Dave8]:** you cant develop them fully – because you don't have space  
imagine if you had 3 children – you'd only have some time for each child  
if you have 1 child, you can give them your full attention

**Comment [Dave9]:** keep it weak

**Comment [Dave10]:** economy and government are different areas

**Comment [Dave11]:** irrelevant to the topic -

**Comment [Dave12]:** very little development – band 5/6 for TA

**Comment [Dave13]:** very little development, some specific detail – good!

**Comment [Dave14]:** needs to be more specific

**Comment [Dave15]:** great vocabulary!

To alleviate the travelling time problem problems related to time spent commuting, one solution might be working that the government could increase invest more in system infrastructure and public transport networks such as the (metro, subway, and ferry in order) to reduce the traffic pressure and ensure the travelers to arrive at a destination with no little delay.

**Comment [Dave16]:** try to write a paragraph with just 1 idea and develop it fully

**Comment [Dave17]:** need to develop this more

**Comment [Dave18]:** specific detail – great!

**Comment [Dave19]:** you need to develop the ideas in this paragraph for a little longer

**Comment [Dave20]:** paragraphs should be

To sum up, long traveling times have become a burning crucial issue for many commuters city residents, but the radical way reform of to sacrificing our the environment for the efficiency is questionable. And what we can do is to improve our A better approach would be to improve traffic systems infrastructure to that ensure everyone could can arrive at their destination quickly and safely.

**Comment [Dave21]:** present perfect – unclear

**Comment [Dave22]:** too informal

**Comment [Dave23]:** paraphrase a little more

**Comment [Dave24]:** no our / we

**Comment [Dave25]:** clear opinion – you didn't

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Task achievement: 5

Cohesion/Coherence: 5/6

Vocabulary: 6

Grammar: 6

Overall: 5.5

Goal: 6.5/7 for writing – unrealistic in 10 days unless if you can really improve your TA/CC a lot

Comment [Dave26]: good length

Comment [Dave27]: these are the areas you can improve the fastest

If parks were replaced with apartments, this would be wasteful. The reason for this is the government only has so much money to allocate to public services. In order to remove parks.... For example, in Shanghai if the govt were to... The Chinese govt would no longer be able to afford...

Comment [Dave28]: your whole paragraph focused on one idea, with a clear, detailed, long, specific example – then you will get 7+

## 8.17 Writing exercise 2

**Q: Some people believe famous people's support towards international aid organizations draws the attention to problems, while others think celebrities make the problems less important. Discuss both views and give your opinion.**

Comment [Dave29]: be as specific as possible – good if you can think of a real celebrity, some real action they did – even if it's not 100% true

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These days, it seems that more-more celebrities are participating in the supportive charities that improve the welfare of the world than ever before jobs to the world welfare center than ever before. Yet/However, there remains some disagreement as to whether the overall effect of this-their actions has attracted more people or played down-minimized the importance of these-the aid. While there are certainly valid

Comment [Dave30]: distracted from

argument to the contrary, I personally believe that the benefits of these backings far outweigh ~~its~~ ~~their~~ drawbacks.

**Comment [Dave31]:** shorter introduction!

**Comment [Dave32]:** really clear opinion – excellent – keep giving clear opinions!

The main reason why famous ~~persons'~~ backings could be seen as ~~the decrease of significance~~ ~~distracting/negative~~ is ~~the~~ public trust. It is ~~the a~~ fact that most celebrities are entertainers and sports stars ~~seeming and thus~~ much less credible ~~in the eyes of the public compared with than other one like~~ politicians or scholars. This is mainly because stars are ~~always~~ have countless commercial advertisements and ~~hype new~~ ~~sponsorship deals~~, most of which are ~~mendacious and for their own profits solely a means of earning money~~. Therefore, the majority of ~~the~~ citizens may be suspicious of ~~the the authenticity of celebrity supports'~~ ~~reality~~ and underestimate its importance.

**Comment [Dave33]:** very good topic sentence – short, simple and has a clear idea at the end.

**Comment [Dave34]:** you can develop this for your whole paragraph

**Comment [Dave35]:** really good explaining sentence – really clear! Helps your CC score a lot as well

**Comment [Dave36]:** this will be a much better TA score because you develop your one idea fully

**Comment [Dave37]:** really good paragraph – ideas, linking, vocab, grammar – it would still be better with a specific example – athlete/actor

**Comment [Dave38]:** fact – true now that famous people do this – would be for hypothetical situations

Despite the above-mentioned arguments, I believe that the ~~start'~~ support of various ~~stars~~ ~~would be a particularly influential push~~ ~~can~~ ~~to the aid~~ ~~career for two reasons~~ causes for the public good. Firstly, ~~is~~ the cult of celebrity ~~can be influential~~. ~~The famous persons~~ ~~individuals are~~ always ~~have hefty celebrity that grab press attention~~ capable of garnering/attracting attention from the press and thereby connecting with the whole of society, ~~which has a vital connection with the whole society~~. For this reason, their charitable acts ~~can easily be~~ ~~often~~ reported by the media, inspiring ~~more~~ ~~greater numbers of~~ potential charity donors or fans to ~~help others together~~ become involved in various organizations. Secondly, ~~is the regional block~~ celebrities bring international attention. Without ~~the~~ publicity from well-known figures, it is hard for ~~us~~ ~~the average citizen~~ to know what ~~was has~~ happened around the world and who ~~would need our help in the world~~ requires help. However, ~~the~~ support ~~by the~~ ~~from~~ celebrities helps ~~the~~ public understand, ~~trust and realize the importance of various~~ ~~the~~ international aid organizations and non-governmental agencies and realize the importance of assistance.

**Comment [Dave39]:** present simple for a situation that happens now

**Comment [Dave40]:** clear ideas, mostly well-developed – still missing a specific example

**Comment [Dave41]:** For example, there is a recent humanitarian crisis in India related to the spread of Covid-19. Many celebrities have posted on social media to raise awareness of the problem and publicize where individuals can donate to charities involved in providing aid for those in India.

To sum up, I once again reaffirm my position that the ~~famous persons'~~ support ~~well-known activists supporting charities~~ has an overall positive impact ~~on~~

~~world wild aiding programs~~ because of its influence on ~~the~~ inspiration and ~~the~~ flow distribution of information. ~~The more famous individuals focus on specific causes, the greater awareness they will raise.~~

**Comment [Dave42]:** raising awareness for key causes

**Comment [Dave43]:** one short final thought at the end of the essay

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Task achievement: 6

**Comment [Dave44]:** focus on writing like the style of your second essay BUT include more specific examples

Cohesion/Coherence: 6

**Comment [Dave45]:** fix small mistakes with your referencing, make sure you have simple topic sentences

Vocabulary: 6

Grammar: 6

Overall: 6

**Comment [Dave46]:** can take years to improve – fix some simple mistakes, learn some academic collocations/expressions that you might be able to use/get rid of some informal vocabulary

a challenge to get to a 6.5 but it's possible if you can work a lot on your **TA and CC**

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