

DOs

Choose an overall side (if you don't you will get 4/5 for task achievement)

Write short, simple topic sentences

Include specific detail

Focus on one main idea per paragraph (just on teamwork – great!) – keep that up!

Include one last sentence at the end of the paragraph to summarise and relate it back to your topic sentence and the whole essay topic

Give more examples:

1. Real examples: real people, real companies, real countries
2. General: students in China, athletes ... , workers, workers in China...
3. Hypothetical example: An athlete who is training, a student who...., a worker who ....

If you can write good examples then you can get band 7 even band 8 for task achievement – you need to do that because your English is a little weaker (vocabulary, grammar – 6)

Task achievement: 7 (clear opinion, clear main ideas, lots of support, great examples)

Cohesion/Coherence: 7 (good topic sentences, clear and easy to understand, good paragraphing, good referencing and substitution and accuracy with fixed expressions)

Vocab/grammar: 6

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## DON'Ts

Don't just use memorized expressions

Most students mess up task 2 because 1 – no overall opinion 2 – they don't have good examples/support

Most students mess up task 1 because of the general overview

Some people think that it is more beneficial to take part in sports which are played in teams, like football. While other people think that taking part in individual sports is better, like swimming. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

~~There is a controversy that which one of~~ Some people claim that team sports are more beneficial while others believe that or individual sports is more beneficial for people have greater impact. In my view, each the two kind of sports has its characteristic and has different kinds of benefits for useven though individual sports are advantageous for ... , team sports have more benefits. = band 4/5 for task achievement - you must choose an overall side.

~~The~~ team sports, such as football, of course lay particular emphasis on teamwork. In ~~such kind of these~~ sports, collaboration, responsibility and trust are essential. ~~It is clearly that in these sports, everyone~~ Each player on a given team has a clear division of work, so that in order to ~~win the achieve~~ victory, everyone ~~should must~~ take the responsibility and ~~do their own job~~ be accountable for their performance. ~~Meanwhile~~ Moreover, they ~~should must~~ also trust their teammates and ~~have the~~ contribute positively to team spirit and morale. ~~of contributing to the whole team.~~ If any of ~~these points is not done well~~ the above areas are not handled well, the cooperation among the team members will ~~make mistakes~~ falter, and ~~this could~~ leading to defeat ~~of in a the~~ game. Therefore playing a team sport has tremendous

**Comment [Dave1]:** Good topic!

**Comment [Dave2]:** Don't just use a memorized phrase like 'there is controversy'. For this issues, there is no controversy. You can't just start every essay the same way.

**Comment [Dave3]:** In your introduction and again in your conclusion

**Comment [Dave4]:** Good topic sentence - TEAMWORK the whole paragraph should focus on teamwork

**Comment [Dave5]:** Referencing and substitution between sentences

**Comment [Dave6]:** Good detail, very specific

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**Comment [Dave7]:** Good ideas, good detail, you support your ideas well. Your ideas are very specific - so that's good - keep doing that!

benefits in terms of an individual's soft skills, particularly those related to teamwork.

**Comment [Dave8]:** One last sentence to summarise and relate it back to your topic sentence/the whole essay topic.

The individual sports like swimming or table tennis, however, depends more on the personal ability of athletes. ~~For the players have no teammates, no help from other.~~ When playing a sport on one's own, a player must rely entirely on ~~so that they cannot rely on anyone but~~ themselves. ~~As the-a result,~~ the only way to win the game is to improve one's personal abilities ~~weaknesses, have a better skill~~ become more skilled, perform better mentally and make ~~less-fewer mistakes faults~~ than the one's opponents. ~~For example, a tennis player must be in peak physical condition and be able to react to and change their strategy within a match based on how their opponent is playing. They must have incredible intelligence, stamina, and mental toughness in order to compete at the highest levels, then the victory will be gained.~~

**Comment [Dave9]:** Must be completely self-reliant

**Comment [Dave10]:** Fixed expressions - they never change - every single time it is 'as a result' - memorise and use these the same way every single time.

In conclusion, although team sports have the advantage of helping a person develop skills related to soft skills, it is more important to play an individual sport in order to become more self-reliant and skilled. There should be some balance but the latter sport ought to be the priority for the average citizen.

**Comment [Dave11]:** Lots of detail, supports the main idea really well - very clear.

**Comment [Dave12]:** Paragraph 2

**Comment [Dave13]:** Outweigh the value / more important

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**Comment [Dave14]:** Paragraph 3

**Comment [Dave15]:** Final thought: prediction, added support, solution...

From my perspective, for ~~normal people~~ the average person, the purpose of playing a sport is for self-improvement. Therefore an individual with selfish character traits would be well served to play a team sport and develop their deficiencies related to cooperation, team spirit and trusting others. ~~a beneficial sport should improve own drawbacks. Therefore, for the people who have a fantastic ability but do badly in cooperation or have a selfish character, they'd better do more team sports to improve team spirit, learning to consider and trust more on others.~~ However, for those who lack self-reliance, individual sports may be more beneficial for them to improve their particular shortcomings. ~~While for the people who have bad ability, individual sports may be more beneficial for they can train his skill and help make progress. In conclusion, the sport which can improve a person's shortcomings is the most beneficial sport for that person.~~

## **Introduction**

Sentence 1: the topic

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Sentence 2: your opinion

Body paragraph 1: one side

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Sentence 2: explain/detail

Sentence 3: **example**

Sentence 4: **develop the example**

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Body paragraph 2: other side

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**Conclusion**

Sentence 1: summarise your main ideas and repeat your opinion

Sentence 2: add a final thought

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