



## WRITING TASK 2 FITNESS ACTIVITIES

### Before you start

The fitness activities in this section offer you quick practice at the different task types you may encounter in the IELTS Writing test. It's also a chance to use some of the tips from the Writing chapter earlier in our book.

With the help of these fitness activities you will build awareness of key elements of different Task 2 essays. Work through each section, noting the different aspects of the essay being focused on. When you are practising a Task 2 essay under exam conditions, try asking yourself similar questions as part of **managing and improving your written response**.

### TASK TYPE 1 » Indicate and support your level of agreement

#### Task Question

**Shopping is dangerous because it makes people selfish, and careless with money.  
Do you agree or disagree?**

**Write at least 250 words.**

### Fitness Activities 1–25 for Task Type 1



**Activities 1–2 will help you to understand what kind of response is required.**

**1 'Do you agree or disagree?' means that you need to:**

- a) choose and defend one of these views (Yes I agree OR No I don't agree) based on the nature of your own viewpoint.
- b) write to show you both agree and disagree equally.
- c) do what you like as long as you talk about shopping.

- 2 The key word in the task wording that communicates you should write in support of only one view is:

a) money                      b) because                      c) or



Activities 3–5 will help you to plan your answer.

- 3 How many paragraphs will work well in this type of essay?

a) 4 (Introduction, 2 body paragraphs, Conclusion).  
b) 5 (Introduction, 3 body paragraphs, Conclusion).  
c) 3 (Introduction, 1 body paragraph, Conclusion).

- 4 What's the best thing to do next?

a) Start writing.  
b) Write down some key ideas to support and oppose your viewpoint.  
c) Decide on your viewpoint and then write down some ideas.

- 5 What's a reasonable, approximate number of sentences to aim for in the Introduction?

a) 2–3 sentences              b) 3–5 sentences              c) 6–7 sentences



Activities 6–10 will help you to build the Introduction.

- 6 Look at the Introduction paragraph. What's the main purpose of the first sentence?

a) To start by talking generally about the overall topic of shopping  
b) To stop the opinion sentence (2) from being the first one.  
c) To raise the topic of shopping and make a 'bridge' into the writer's point of view.

### Introduction

Shopping has become a popular leisure activity in many countries in the developed world, but it has hidden risks. This essay **will suggest** that it is indeed dangerous and **is likely to** make consumers more self-centred and less disciplined with their money.