

International Test of English Language Proficiency™

Writing

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You will have 50 minutes to complete the composition. Write about 500 words (depending on the size of your handwriting, about 4 or 5 **double-spaced** pages) in the composition booklet.

You may not have completed a writing assignment like this before; so, it is very important to follow the instructions carefully.

You will be given a set of four comments all related to the same basic issue. Those comments will, however, reflect different viewpoints because **the issue will be controversial enough that there is more than one way to look at it**. Your task will be to give **your own opinion** about the topic but, at the same time, to make readers see that you understand that **other views** are also possible.

Therefore, a high-scoring composition will give the your own opinion **in the context** of meaningful reference to the views expressed by **all four** of the comments. You may in fact happen to agree with one of those comments - which is just fine - or your opinion may be different from all of them

Your score will **not be good** if you just summarize all four different views or if you write your own opinion without reference to other views.

If you present your own opinion in the context of some but not all of the other views, your score will **not be as good** as if you present your own opinion in the context of all four of the other views.

IMPORTANT:

This part of the test is designed to measure your ability to write effectively on a **specific topic**. To demonstrate that ability, it is necessary to make sure that your overall argument refers usefully to the particular comments provided on the Writing Test sheet. **Do not attempt to recycle general material from other essays that you have written before**; content only vaguely related to the assigned topic will definitely reduce your score. **Essays considered to be partly or entirely off-topic will receive low scores or may even be judged uninterpretable (zero score).**