

# IELTS - WRITING PART 2

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Topic: Home & neighborhood

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# LET'S WARM UP WITH SPEAKING PART 1

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- How often do you see your neighbours?
- Do you invite your neighbours to your home?
- Do you think you are a good neighbour?
- Has a neighbour ever helped you?
- How do you know the people who live next door to you?
- What kinds of problems do people sometimes have with their neighbours?
- Do you like the neighbourhood you live in?
- What do you do in your neighbourhood in your free time?
- What new things would you like to have in your neighbourhood?
- Would you like to live in another neighbourhood in your town or city?

**Describe your neighbour.**

**You should say:**

- What kind of relationship you have with them
- How often you meet him/her
- Whether they are a goof person

**and explain why you like/dislike this neighbour.**

**Describe the ideal home that you would like to live in.**

**You should say:**

- What your ideal home would look like
- Where it would be
- Who you would live in the home with you

**and explain why you would like to live there.**

**Describe a house/apartment that someone you know lives in.**

**You should say:**

- Whose house/apartment this is
- Where the house/apartment is
- What it looks like inside

**and explain what you like or dislike about this person's house/apartment.**

**Describe your neighbourhood.**

**You should say:**

- What the area is like
- Where it is
- What you think can be improved

**and explain what you like or dislike about the neighbourhood.**

**Describe something you liked very much which you bought for your home.**

**You should say:**

- What you bought
- When and where you bought it
- Why you chose this particular thing

**and explain why you liked it so much.**

## Creating a nice home

### Example questions:

- Why do some people buy lots of things for their home?
- Do you think it is very expensive to make a home look nice?
- Why don't some people care about how their home looks?

## Different types of home

### Example questions:

- In what ways is living in a flat/apartment better than living in a house?
- Do you think homes will look different in the future?
- Do you agree that the kinds of homes people prefer change as they get older?

## Different types of home

### Example questions:

- What kinds of home are most popular in your country? Why is this?
- What do you think are the advantages of living in a house compared to an apartment?
- Do you think that everyone would like to live in a large home? Why or what?

## Finding a place to live

### Example questions:

- How easy is it to find a place to live in your country?
- Do you think it's better to buy a place to live in? Why?
- Do you agree that there is a right age for young adults to stop living with their parents? Why is that?

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# AGENDA

Grammar - tenses

Types of questions

Structure for the essay

Vocabulary & grammar

# GRAMMAR

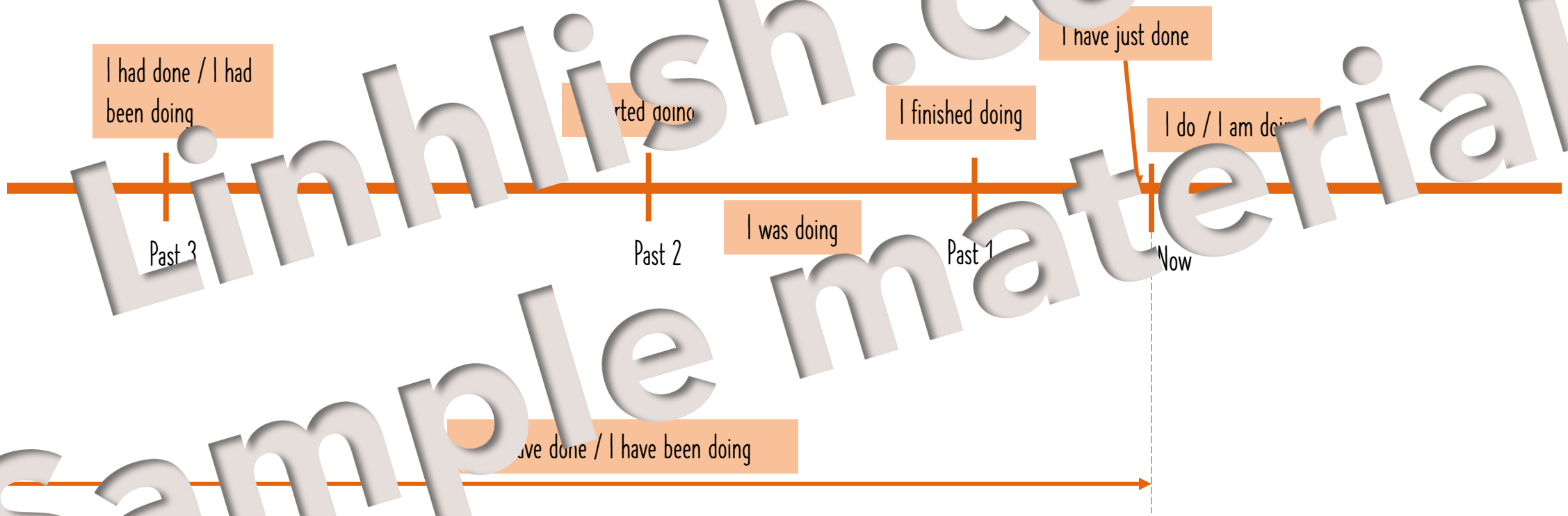
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# WHEN DO WE USE WHAT?

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- Present simple, present continuous
- Past simple, past continuous
- Present perfect, present perfect continuous
- Past perfect, past perfect continuous

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# VERB TENSES EXERCISE - TELL A STORY, IT IS 6.30PM NOW

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- 10:00 - Have breakfast with a cup of coffee
- 11:00 - Read a book
- 8:00 - Wake up and phone Bill
- 8:00 - Go for a run while running run into friend and talk
- 12:00 - Have lunch with co-workers - while having lunch talk about Jane's wedding
- 13:00 - Run some errands in the city - realized yesterday that there's no milk
- 15:00 - Go home and do housework
- 18:00 - Have dinner - while having dinner, you called

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# TYPES OF QUESTIONS - TASK 2

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## WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed rather than work for a company or organisation.**

**Why might this be the case?**

**What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

## INTRODUCTION

- Formal-style essay, argumentative
- 40 minutes, minimum 250 words
- Marking on the basis of:
  - Presenting a clear, well-organized argument
  - Giving evidence or examples to support ideas
  - Use language accurately
- Marking based on:
  - Task response
  - Coherence and cohesion
  - Lexical resource
  - Grammatical range and accuracy

# LIST OF COMMON TYPES OF QUESTIONS

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- Opinion
- Discussion
- Advantage/disadvantage
- Direct question
- Solution

# OPINION

Many people think that to become a successful specialist, it's better to choose a career early in life and never change it later.

*To what extent do you agree with this view?*

*Support your opinion with relevant examples.*



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# STRUCTURE FOR THE ESSAY

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# WHAT DOES AN ESSAY CONSIST OF?

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# DISCUSSION - SAMPLE ESSAY

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Completing university education is thought by some to be the best way to get a good job. On the other hand, other people think that getting experience and developing soft skills is more important.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

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# VOCABULARY

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# WRAP-UP

Your favourite place

- What place do you most like to visit?
- How often do you visit this place?
- Why do you like it so much?
- Is it popular with many other people?
- Has it changed very much since you first went there?

**Describe an interesting historic place.**

**You should say:**

- What it is
  - Where it is located
  - What you can see there now
- and explain why this place is interesting.**

# HOMework

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## Writing task 2

Many countries are experiencing population growth and need more homes.

Should these new homes be constructed in existing cities or should new towns be built in the countryside?