

Part 1 : Paraphrasing IELTS Writing 2 Type Questions

Look at the first example below to help you paraphrase questions:

Some people say that Government should break down all the historic buildings and replace them with modern buildings. Do you agree or disagree?

One way to do this, is to simply use synonyms to rewrite the questions:

One group of people believe that the government should demolish all landmark construction and replace them with contemporary architecture.

Some people say : One group of people believe Historic buildings : landmark construction
break down : demolished modern buildings : contemporary architecture

Another possible way is to use the passive tense along with synonyms:

It is believed by some that outdated buildings should be broken down and replaced with fashionable designs.

Should break down..... and replace : should be broken down and replaced

historic buildings: outdated buildings modern buildings : fashionable designs

Rewrite the following questions using both styles:

1) Some students tend to play computer games rather than doing sports. Why is this? What can be done to tackle the problem?

2) Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary school rather than at secondary school. Do the advantages of this outweigh its disadvantages?

3) Nowadays, the way many people interact with each other has changed because of technology. In what ways has technology affected the types of relationships people make? Has this become a positive or negative development?

4) Some people think that art is an essential subject for children at school, while others think it is a waste of time. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

5) Artists need a certain amount of freedom to develop their creativity .Some people think that artists should have total freedom to express any thoughts and ideas.
To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Part 2. Adding a thesis statement to an essay can help you to make your position clear, add extra words to your essay and get you higher marks.

Here are some examples

Agree disagree question type:

Try to avoid personal pronouns (i , we) if you can and use 'This essay' instead

This essay agrees that the best way to resolve increasing pollution and congestion problems is to put more taxes on fuel.

This essay disagrees that.....

More sentences to aid your introduction

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your own opinion question type:

Be direct! Say what you think.

The main advantage is the extremely low cost and **the principal disadvantage** is the lack of pollution associated with this type of program.

The main advantage is that people are able to learn about other cultures ... **the principal disadvantage is that** people may not want to return to their countries

Problems and solutions question type:

The principal issue is that smoking is seen as something trendy...

The possible solution is to have more police on the streets

The perfect way to solve this is.....

Cause and Solution question type:

The most obvious /principal problem is that advertisers are very persuasive

The possible solution is to make advertising rules more strict.....

Now add thesis statements to the questions in part 1