

Master IELTS General Training Volume 3

Writing Practice Test 2

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WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about **20** minutes on this task.

You are planning a short visit to a city where one of your relatives lives.

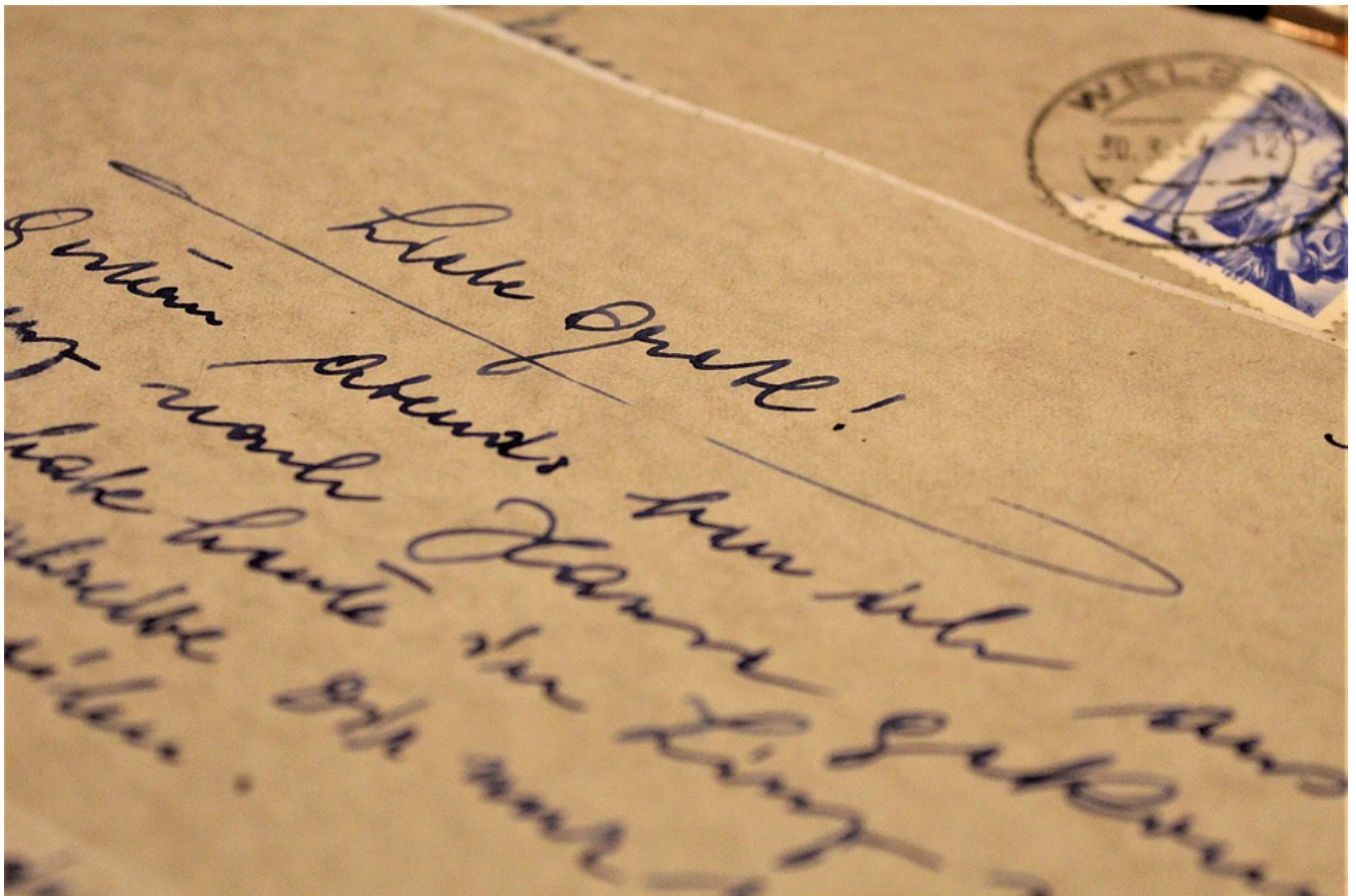
Write a letter to your relative. In your letter:

- Explain when and how long you will be in town.
- Ask whether you can stay at their home.
- Offer to pay for yourself.

You do not need to write any addresses. Begin your letter as follows:

Dear ...,

You should write at least **150** words.



WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about **40** minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Labour-saving devices such as dishwashers and communication tools such as computers

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are supposed to make our lives easier. However, some people argue that these devices only make them more difficult.

Does modern technology reduce or increase stress?

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

You should write at least **250** words.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

Dear Aunt Joan,

How are you? How's Uncle Steve?

I'm writing because I'm planning to visit Melbourne next month. I've got school holidays coming up, and I thought it would be a good time to come over (and do some shopping!). I've booked a flight arriving on 15 May and leaving on the 25th, so I'll be in town for eleven days altogether.

Would it be possible for me to stay with you? If it's inconvenient I completely understand, but I'd really appreciate it. It would also give me a real chance to catch up with you guys, and with my cousins. Are they all still living at home?

Of course, I'd be happy to pay my own way and buy my own groceries etc. In fact, I could cook you all dinner! You'll probably be surprised to hear it, but I'm a pretty good cook these days.

Anyway, if it's a problem just let me know, and I can make other arrangements. Either way, looking forward to seeing everyone.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

This answer was written by a student from Sweden:

It has been argued that the modern technology has an immense impact on our lives. Some people claim that it has reduced stress while others state it has an increasing effect on stress.

The modern technology has naturally made our lives easier by simplifying for instance house chores and transport. That gives us more time to do other activities such as spending time with our friends and family. In addition to this, the revolution of the Internet during the last decade has made our communication easier. We are able to always be online, using various social medias, emailing or texting. This results in a more global contact net where people all over the world are able to communicate with each other. This has been especially useful in the business world where a quick email is more effective than a longdistance phone call between to different time zones.

However, other people argue that the modern technology actually increases stress rather than reducing it. While constantly being on line there will be less social interaction in person. Suddenly there will be no need for speaking to a person to find out the events in his life since you are able to read about it on his Facebook status. The lack of social interaction can result in antisocial behaviour which can be stressful to handle in different situations. Moreover, there will be an increasing need to have the latest gadgets. People will not be pleased with what they have which can affect their minds as well as economy.

In my opinion the modern technology might increase stress in some cases but overall I believe it

reduced stress by helping our everyday life and keeping in touch with the rest of the world.

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