

# Master IELTS General Training Volume 4

## Writing Practice Test 2

### HOW TO USE

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# WRITING TASK 1

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

You have recently moved into a new house. You want to tell your friend about your good news.

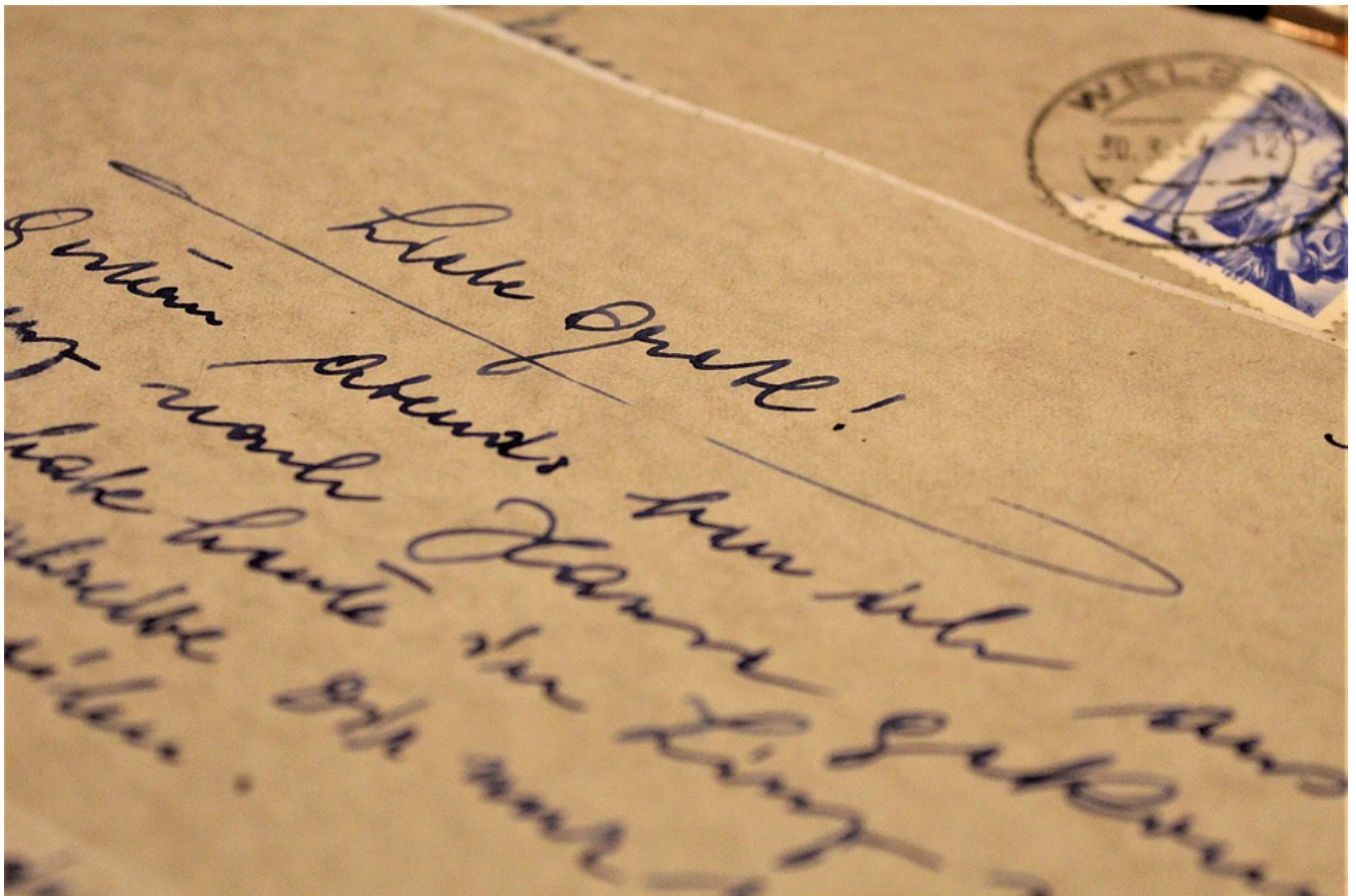
Write to your friend. In the letter:

- Describe the house.
- Describe the neighbourhood.
- Invite your friend to come and see the house.

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:

Should private schools receive government funding?

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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

This answer was written by a student from Brazil:

Dear James,

How are you doing? As you know, I've moved to my new house and I want to tell you about this amazing place.

First of all, the house is awesome. It is huge and has a beautiful backyard with a mini-park for my children and a garden. The house has also two floors: the first contains four bedrooms and a bathroom in each, while on the second floor there are an enormous living room, a kitchen and a visit room.

One other thing that I really appreciated was the neighbourhood because it has so many facilities like a pharmacy, a supermarket, a medical center and a gas station. As I told you, it's a very nice place.

I really want you to come to my home. Bring your wife and we can have a BBQ this weekend.

I'm looking forward to your visit.

Take care and see you soon.

(150 words)

# SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

## Native speaker model answer

In countries such as Australia, there are two types of schools for primary and secondary students: public (government) schools and private schools. Private schools still typically receive funding from the government, something I believe is wrong and should end immediately.

The first reason government funding to private schools should be discontinued is simple fairness. Private schools already receive a great deal of money from their tuition fees, not to mention the large donations they are often given by wealthy alumni. To add government money to this is patently unfair to public schools, who often struggle to pay for materials and quality teachers.

Secondly, private schools should not receive money because they are not subject to the same controls as public institutions. They might teach subjects that go against the public interest, and many religious private schools discriminate against students who do not practise their religion. They should not, therefore, receive money that comes from taxpayers.

Finally, I believe that giving money to private schools is likely to lead to the erosion of the public

system. Parents naturally want the best for their children, and so they will fight to send them to private schools that have more resources. In the end it may be impossible for the government to maintain the public school system, which would be a disaster for poorer families.

In conclusion, I feel very., strongly that the funds which go to private schools would be better used if they went towards improving the quality of our public schools, many of which are greatly in need.

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