

Mindset for IELTS Level 2 Skills Modules

Unit 6: Writing Exercise 10

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Newspapers are less important nowadays because we have up-to-date access to the news on the internet.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

You should write at least 250 words.

This model answer has been prepared by an examiner as a very good answer. However, please note that this is just one answer out of many possible approaches.

In today's world, newspapers are becoming less popular and less important than before as we can now get up-to-date news on our portable devices, such as mobile phones and tablets. Personally, I both agree and disagree with this statement and I feel it depends mainly on age, as I will explain.

Firstly, when we consider younger generations, it is absolutely true that newspapers have a less significant role. Younger people have grown up in a digital age and use technology to gain information as it is fast, efficient and easy. Although newspapers are printed in the morning, the news is continuously developing over the day and this is available on your phone

where you can follow breaking news stories. Younger generations feel much more comfortable using mobile phones as they have always been part of their everyday life.

However, for older generations, the opposite may be true. Newspapers in many countries have become part of our national identity. In some countries, the newspaper that you read can reflect your political opinions and also your general thoughts and beliefs, and this is important. In addition, older people may not be as comfortable when using the internet on mobile phones and prefer the traditional feel of a newspaper. Technology can be frightening for some people as we often feel afraid of the unknown.

To conclude, as younger generations grow older, newspapers will definitely be less important as most people will be very comfortable with using mobile phones. However, in our world today, it is still too difficult to be certain that this statement is true.

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