

Mindset for IELTS Level 1 Skills Modules

Unit 8: Writing Exercise 10

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

Nowadays, in many families both parents need to have jobs.

What are some of the problems associated with both parents working, and what are some of the possible solutions?

Give reasons for your answers 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.

At the present time, it is true that families often need both the mother and father to work but that childcare can then cost too much. In my opinion, the difficulties linked to both parents having jobs are challenging but there are clear solutions to some of them. In this essay, I am going to discuss some of the difficulties and suggest a few answers.

On the one hand, when both the mother and father are employed full-time certain problems occur. If the parents need to leave the house early in the morning and get home in the late afternoon or early evening, they might need someone to take their children to school or even take care of their children at home. Childcare becomes very expensive. In addition, if both parents work, the

family will probably need to own two cars, which means spending even more money each year.

On the other hand, there are definitely solutions to some of these problems. Some adults share the journey to work with other people, usually in a different person's car each day. This means that each family does not have to own two cars. In addition, in some countries working parents can apply to the government for money to help with childcare so that they can keep going to work and paying their income tax.

In summary, there are certainly problems associated with both parents working, including the cost of childcare and transport. However, solutions include car-sharing and government benefits. In my opinion, the challenges of a child's mother and father having jobs are difficult but not impossible.

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