

# Unit 11 Writing quiz

**A** Read the topic for an opinion essay. Then read the extracts from essays on the topic. Which essay writers believe this is a serious problem?

Write an opinion essay on the topic of counterfeit medications for pets. Is this a serious problem or not? If you believe it is, what can be done about it?

1. I do not believe this is a serious concern. The problem of counterfeit medications for humans is much more worrying.
2. For many people, pets are almost like family and, therefore, I consider this to be a major concern. However, in light of the fact that most of the sales are transacted on the Internet, I believe it would be very difficult to stop.
3. *I would argue that law enforcement authorities have more urgent matters to pursue. This may be a problem, but there are illegal activities that can endanger human life. I regard that as a higher priority for law enforcement.*
4. Since most of these sales happen online, I consider this to be only a small part of the larger issue of online fraud. I believe this is a significant issue that needs to be dealt with by authorities. Yet, not enough is being done.



**B** Write an opinion essay on the topic in Exercise A.

**Make sure that you:**

- report other people's views and give your own.
- use academic conjunctions and adverbs (e.g., *as long as*, *yet*).
- avoid errors with *provided that*.

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## Sample Answer

Some people may not consider the issue of counterfeit medications for pets to be a serious problem, but I disagree. Many veterinarians regard it as a widespread problem that harms or even kills many animals. Clearly, this makes it a serious issue, at least for pet owners. However, I would argue that it also highlights a broader problem that needs to be considered. Most counterfeit pet medications are sold online, as are countless other goods and products, many of which could also be counterfeit. In view of this, I believe that the authorities should take decisive action against all online fraud. Consumers should also do their part. As long as consumers do not report and follow up on any fraud encountered, criminals will be able to continue their activities. Irrespective of whether you believe fake pet medications are an issue or not, online fraud is an issue that everyone should be aware of and concerned about.