

# Writing Topics

Compare & Contrast · Paragraph & Essay Practice

## TOPIC 1

### Watching Movies on Streaming Platforms vs Watching Movies in the Cinema

#### — IDEA PROMPTS

comfort big screen cost atmosphere flexibility sound quality social activity movie choice

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

streaming platforms Netflix online movies home entertainment movie theaters cinema experience  
big screen surround sound comfortable sofa movie tickets popcorn and snacks crowded cinema halls  
movie night online subscription services wide movie selection cinema atmosphere

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

watch movies online stream films subscribe to streaming platforms choose a movie pause a movie  
go to the cinema buy movie tickets enjoy the cinema experience watch films on a big screen

## TOPIC 2

### Living in a Dormitory vs Sharing a Flat with Friends

#### — IDEA PROMPTS

cost independence rules privacy social life responsibilities location comfort

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

student dormitory campus accommodation dorm rooms university housing dorm facilities dorm rules  
student community campus life shared apartment rented flat flatmates shared accommodation  
monthly rent shared expenses independent lifestyle

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

live in a dormitory apply for campus housing share a dorm room follow dorm rules meet other students  
share a flat with friends rent an apartment split the rent share living expenses

### TOPIC 3

## Remote Work vs Working at the Office

#### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

flexibility teamwork commuting communication productivity distractions environment  
work-life balance

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

remote work working from home office work workplace environment flexible work schedule  
commuting time online meetings video calls digital communication office teamwork  
professional environment home office setup

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

work remotely work from home attend online meetings join video calls communicate online  
work at the office collaborate with colleagues commute to work

### TOPIC 4

## Private Schools vs Public Schools

#### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

class size cost facilities teachers diversity resources discipline programs

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

private schools public schools education system school facilities modern classrooms sports facilities  
school funding government schools tuition fees free education qualified teachers school resources  
school environment

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

attend a private school attend a public school pay tuition fees receive education provide school facilities  
hire qualified teachers offer academic programs

### TOPIC 5

## Organic Products vs Factory-Made Products

#### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

health price environment chemicals availability taste safety production

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

organic food natural ingredients factory-made products processed foods packaged food  
chemical pesticides artificial additives healthy diet natural farming industrial food production  
environmentally friendly agriculture

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

buy organic food grow organic crops avoid chemical pesticides improve food quality produce factory goods  
manufacture processed foods add artificial ingredients

TOPIC 6

## Sending Children to Kindergarten vs Hiring a Babysitter

— ■ IDEA PROMPTS

social interaction attention cost learning supervision flexibility development routine

■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

kindergarten preschool education early childhood education daycare center trained teachers  
classroom environment learning activities group learning social development babysitter private childcare  
home supervision flexible childcare

■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

send children to kindergarten attend preschool classes participate in group activities develop social skills  
hire a babysitter look after children supervise kids at home

TOPIC 7

## Marrying Young (23–28) vs Focusing on Education and Career

— ■ IDEA PROMPTS

family life career goals financial stability responsibilities freedom planning priorities development

■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

young marriage early marriage starting a family married life family responsibilities higher education  
university studies career development professional skills financial independence career opportunities

■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

get married start a family share responsibilities build family life pursue higher education build a career  
gain work experience achieve career goals

TOPIC 8

## Uber vs Traditional Taxis

— ■ IDEA PROMPTS

price convenience booking availability payment technology reliability safety

■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

Uber service ride-sharing apps mobile applications GPS tracking driver ratings passenger reviews  
taxi stands street taxis taxi drivers taxi meters city taxi services

■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

book a ride through an app request a ride track a driver's location rate a driver call a taxi hail a taxi  
pay the taxi fare wait at a taxi stand

## TOPIC 9

### Working for a Company vs Working as a Freelancer

#### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

income flexibility security workload independence career growth schedule clients

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

company job full-time employment fixed salary stable income employee benefits office colleagues  
freelance work self-employment project-based work flexible schedule freelance clients

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

work for a company receive a salary follow company policies attend meetings work as a freelancer  
find freelance clients accept projects set your own schedule

## TOPIC 10

### Going to the Gym vs Doing Exercises at Home

#### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

equipment cost motivation convenience space schedule trainers privacy

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

gym membership fitness center gym equipment exercise machines personal trainers fitness classes  
home workouts fitness apps workout videos exercise mat dumbbells bodyweight exercises

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

go to the gym join a fitness center lift weights attend fitness classes exercise at home  
follow workout videos set a workout routine

## TOPIC 11

### In-Person Lessons vs Online Lessons

#### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

interaction flexibility technology concentration location communication learning style access

#### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

in-person lessons face-to-face classes classroom learning school environment classroom discussions  
teacher guidance online lessons virtual classes distance learning video lectures  
digital learning platforms

#### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

attend in-person classes participate in classroom discussions ask questions in class interact with teachers  
take online lessons join virtual classes watch recorded lectures

## Having a Native vs Non-Native English Teacher

### — ■ IDEA PROMPTS

pronunciation   grammar explanations   teaching style   learning difficulties   communication   culture  
understanding   confidence

### ■ USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES

native English teacher   native speaker teacher   natural pronunciation   authentic accent   everyday expressions  
real-life language use   cultural knowledge   English-speaking countries   non-native English teacher  
clear grammar explanations   structured lessons   shared learning experience   understanding student difficulties

### ■ VERB-NOUN COLLOCATIONS

model natural pronunciation   practice real-life conversations   teach everyday expressions  
explain cultural differences   explain grammar rules   understand student difficulties   guide language learning