

# IELTS Writing Task #2

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# IELTS Task #2: Goals of the Lesson

Today's lesson will:

- Review components of an IELTS task 2 response
- Provide you with practice time writing body paragraphs and conclusion
- Teach you what a linking phrase is
- Teach you how to summarise the main points
- Teach you how to state your opinion



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## IELTS Writing Task #2

What are the components of the IELTS Writing Task #2?

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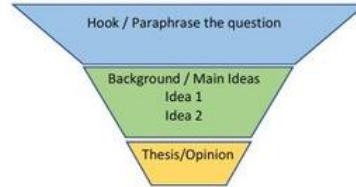
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## Introduction

- 40-60 words
- 2-3 sentences
- 5 min



## Body Paragraph

- 85-100 words
- 4-6 sentences
- 10 min

### Body Paragraph 1 → IDEA 1

- Topic Sentence
- Explanation
- Example

\*Give details and be specific

### Body Paragraph 2 → IDEA 2

- Topic sentence
- Explanation
- Example

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# Body Paragraphs

## BP #1 - Idea 1

- Topic sentence
- Explanation
- Example

## BP #2

- Topic sentence
- Explanation
- Example



85-100 words  
4-6 sentences  
10 minutes



# Open Ended Question

Topic: Some people think that zoos are cruel and should be closed down. Others, however, believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

You have ten (10) minutes to write body paragraph #2.

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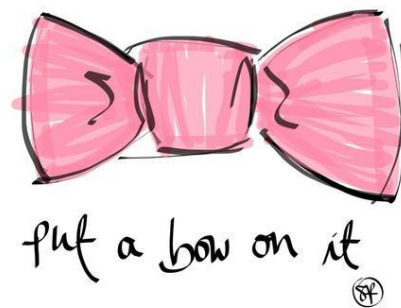
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# Conclusion

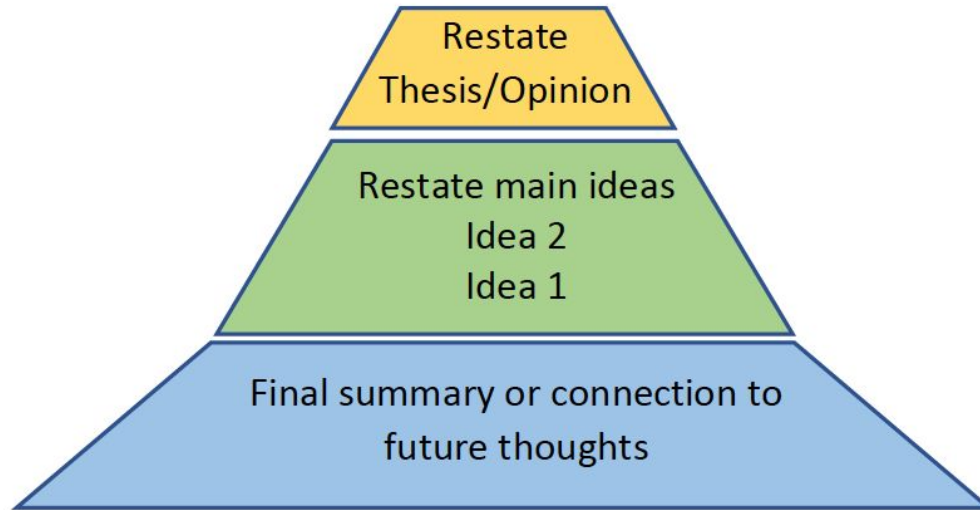
A good conclusion will:

- Neatly end the essay
- Link all your ideas together
- Sum up your argument or opinion
- Answer the question



*If you achieve this, you'll improve your score for both task achievement and cohesion and coherence which together make up 50% of the overall marks.  
Without a conclusion, you'll score below band 6 for task achievement.*

# Conclusion



## Conclusion

- 40-60 words
- 2-3 sentences
- 5 min



# Step 1

First, you should start with a linking phrase, but some are better than others.

- Finally
- In a nutshell
- In general
- In conclusion
- To conclude



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A. Finally

B. In a nutshell

C. In general

D. In conclusion

E. To conclude

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# Linking Phrases

- **Finally** isn't really suitable because it indicates that you are making a final point and therefore a new idea.
- **In a nutshell** is too informal and we should never use it in IELTS conclusions.
- **In general** tells the reader you are going to talk generally about a topic. This is not what we are going to do in our conclusion and we should therefore not use it.
- **In conclusion** and **to conclude** are the two best linking phrases you should use to start your conclusion. They tell the reader exactly what the paragraph is about and they are formal.



# Step 2

Now all you need to do is briefly summarise the main ideas into one sentence.

Here's a **top tip**. Go back and read the introduction to the essay because this is also a summary of the essay. It outlines what you are going to write about.

To create a great conclusion, you simply have to paraphrase the introduction.

# From an Introduction to Conclusion

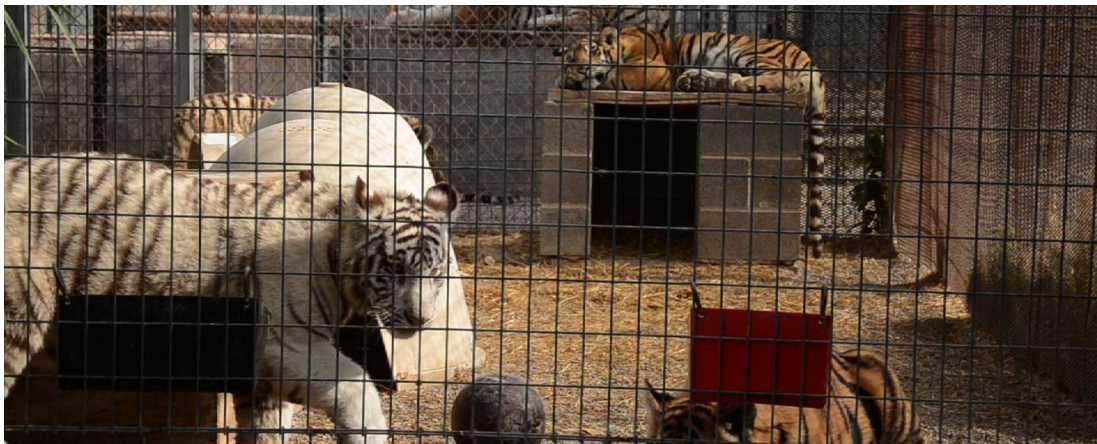
**Introduction:** Some people argue that zoos help to preserve wild creatures, while others say that they are inhumane and should be abolished. While the development of breeding programmes contributes to the preservation of endangered species, I believe that the poor conditions that many animals held in captivity are kept in make the existence of zoos unacceptable.

**Conclusion:** In conclusion, although zoos do help to safeguard dwindling populations of particular species, the suffering experience by many captive creatures due to unsuitable living conditions amounts to cruelty and they should not be allowed to exist.

# Discussion Essay Example

**Topic:** Some people think that zoos are cruel and should be closed down. Others, however, believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.



# Your Turn - Example A

Many people believe that zoos are a great asset for helping endangered wild animals. While others think that they may be bad and cause distress on the animals and should be closed. Many of the zoos use animals to make a business and generate money, giving the animals a very bad lifestyle. On the other hand, I believe others are really great and take care of endangered animals by protecting them and taking them back to their natural environment.



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Topic: Some people think that zoos are cruel and should be closed down. Others, however, believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

You have five (5) minutes to write the conclusion for this question.

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# Your Turn - Example B

While some people believe that zoos have a positive impact and help safeguard the species, the counterpart of the population agrees that it is completely unnatural and inhumane to keep these supposedly endangered species in such terrible life conditions. However, my impression on zoos is fairly stuck in between those opinions. I believe that if they are rescues and cannot be reintroduced in wildlife, then yes a wildlife park preservation is acceptable, otherwise I detest the whole concept.



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Topic: Some people think that zoos are cruel and should be closed down. Others, however, believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

You have four (4) minutes to write the conclusion for this question.

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## Questions

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<https://www.ieltsjacky.com/ielts-discussion-essays.html>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G8FFjevRLVMB6qvH9PXN6sNUpivC7RS4eeopAarRLg0/edit>