

Writing – discussion prompts (Teacher use only)

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Student's Worksheet 2

Linguaskill Writing – Part 2 sample task

This is an example task from the Linguaskill Writing test. Read the task.

Read the following statement:

The attention paid to celebrities these days has a negative effect on society.

Write an **essay** indicating to what extent you agree or disagree with the statement.
Give reasons to support your answer.

Below are some different views that you may wish to consider in your essay:

'Celebrity success inspires young people to aim high in their own lives.'

'Celebrity culture encourages the idea that success is usually instant.'

'Even when promoting good causes, celebrities are only promoting themselves.'

You can also include any other ideas you think are relevant.

Use your own words as far as possible.

Write at least **250** words.

Are these statements about the Linguaskill Writing Part 2 task true or false?

1. You can agree, disagree or remain neutral about the statement.
2. You need to write about all three quotes.
3. In your essay, you need to give equal consideration to arguments for and against the statement.
4. You can write more than 250 words.
5. You can include your own ideas.
6. An essay about how people become famous would be a good response to this task.

Student's Worksheet 3

Writing – 'hedging' language

Exercise 1

Rewrite the sentences on the topic using the words in **bold**.

'Celebrities make a valuable contribution to charities.'

could

It _____ celebrities make a valuable contribution to charities.

might

Some people _____ that celebrities make a valuable contribution to charities.

appear

Celebrities _____ a valuable contribution to charities.

suggested

_____ celebrities make a valuable contribution to charities.

seems

It _____ though celebrities make a valuable contribution to charities.

potentially

_____ a valuable contribution to charities.

perceived

Celebrities _____ a valuable contribution to charities.

evident

_____ celebrities make a valuable contribution to charities.

Exercise 2

Read the statements below. Each statement has an error. Find the error and correct it.

1. It would appear that celebrities inspiring young people to succeed.
2. It seems though young people who follow celebrities are inspired to succeed.
3. Celebrities are frequently perceive as an inspiration for young people.
4. Contrary to the negative perception some people have of celebrities, others might be said that they inspire young people.
5. Some people could argue for young people are inspired by celebrities.
6. A common view is that the work of celebrities could potential inspire young people to follow in their footsteps.
7. There is evident that the work of celebrities has a positive impact on young people.
8. It is frequently suggested for the positive influence celebrities have on young people is overlooked.