



## 7 Things All Band 7-9 Students Do

The following is a list of things that I have noticed that all of my students who get a Band 7, 8 or 9 in IELTS Writing Task 2 do.

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1. They make their opinion clear throughout their essay.

They make their opinion clear in the introduction, they support this opinion in the main body paragraphs and then they reiterate this opinion in the conclusion.

2. They plan their essays for at least 5 minutes before they start writing.

Planning helps you to understand the question, think of relevant ideas and structure your essay. It also means that when you do start writing you know exactly what to write and you therefore make fewer mistakes.

3. They read and listen to English every day.

Reading and listening to English every day not only improves your grammar and vocabulary, but also makes it easier to think of relevant ideas during your test.

4. They fully develop their main ideas.

Your ideas should all be supported with clear explanations and specific examples. It is more important to have a couple of well developed ideas than lots of undeveloped ideas. Think quality, not quantity.

5. They understand that the true purpose of writing is clear communication.

The purpose of writing is not to show the reader how great your vocabulary and grammar is, it is to clearly convey meaning. Focus on writing clearly and you will do very well.

6. They know the key to high grammar scores is accuracy.



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The more error-free sentences you write, the higher your grammar score will be. Only use grammar structures you know are 100% correct.

7. They only use cohesive devices when absolutely necessary.

Good writers only use cohesive devices (linking words) when they have to. Bad writers overuse them which leads to them using these words inappropriately and inaccurately.