

Cambridge First Writing Part One essay tasks on animals

Complete First Unit 12

Give a mini-presentation on a topic below, then see if your partner agrees. You don't need to think about writing, but make sure you cover all three sub-topics (including your own choice of one extra sub-topic).

Is it better to eliminate invasive species that don't traditionally belong in an area of nature, or should we accept that such changes are natural?

Speak about/ Write about:

Notes

1. diversity
2. effort/ effectiveness
3. ... (your own idea)

Some people say there is no need for zoos to be open to the public now that there are so many other ways of finding out about animals. Do you agree?

Speak about/ Write about:

Notes

1. education
2. finance
3. ... (your own idea)

In some countries many people are choosing to have a pet instead of children. Do you think that this is a major problem that governments should do something about?

Speak about/ Write about:

Notes

1. population
2. economy
3. ... (your own idea)

Some activists say that we should move our pets onto vegetarian or vegan diets. Do you agree?

Speak about/ Write about:

Notes

1. healthy pets
2. the environment
3. ... (your own idea)

Is it better to keep cats just in the home or to let them go outside?

Notes

Speak about/ Write about:

1. the natural way for cats to live
2. cats' effect on wildlife
3. ... (your own idea)

When your teacher stops you, ask about any questions which you don't understand or couldn't think of a point of view on.

Part Two: Writing preparation

Plan a couple of the tasks above, including deciding what overall structure (= topic of each paragraph in the main body of your essay) you will use.

Write the introduction for one of the essays which you planned, then discuss:

- How many sentences does your introduction have? What is the function/ purpose of each sentence?
- How many sentences is usually best for the introduction to Cambridge B2 First Writing Part One tasks?
- How many sentences are usually best for body paragraphs and final conclusion paragraphs/ final summary paragraphs?

Compare as a class.

Part Three: Timed exam practice

Do the task on the last page below as timed exam practice, in exactly 40 minutes from first looking at the question to finishing editing (meaning that you mustn't look at the question before you start the timed practice). Don't forget to plan before starting to write.

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Extra topic for timed writing practice

You must answer this question. Write your answer in **140-190** words in an appropriate style on the separate answer sheet.

1. In your English class you have been discussing animal rights and animal welfare. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write your essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Some people think that zoos should be closed. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. living conditions for the animals
2. conservation
3. ... (your own idea)