



# B2 FIRST ESSAY

## COMMON TOPICS

### ISSUES IN MODERN SOCIETY

Obesity  
Smoking  
Computer games addiction  
Pollution  
Endangered animals  
Deforestation  
Animal testing  
Starvation  
Teenagers dropping out of school  
Banning car from city centres

### GIVING OPINIONS/SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE TITLE

Learning a foreign language  
Animals in zoos  
Spending money on exploring space  
Students should study science at school  
Has technology made a positive contribution to sport today?  
Do we share too much information on social media websites?  
What can young people do to help protect and improve their local environment?  
What are the most important things we need to do to make and keep friends?  
Is it important to follow national and international events in the news?  
Do celebrities deserve the admiration they receive?

### AGREE/DISAGREE WITH THE TITLE DO YOU AGREE? / WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Schools should spend more money on computer and software than on textbooks. Do you agree?  
Some people think that school does not prepare students adequately for real life. Do you agree?  
It is better to work at home than in an office. Do you agree?  
Life is harder for young people now than in the past. Do you agree?  
There is little that individuals can do to help the environment. Do you agree?  
Do you agree that modern domestic appliances have improved the quality of our lives?  
Some people say you don't need much money to be happy. What do you think?  
Some people say that you can learn almost everything from the internet. What do you think?  
Whether you are happy or not depends on the personality you are born with. Do you agree?  
Some people say that young people can only entertain themselves in front of a screen. What do you think?

### TWO OPTIONS ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES / PROS AND CONS (Is it better to...or? / Which is more...?)

Is it better to go shopping in small local businesses or large out-of-town shopping centres?  
Is it better to spend a summer holiday in the countryside or on the coast?  
Is it better to use the car or public transport in your town or area?  
Is it always better to tell the truth than to lie?  
Is it better to go on holiday with family or friends?  
Is it better to be famous or unknown?  
Should students have a long summer or should terms be longer?  
Which is more important – friends or family?  
Is it better to earn a lot of money or to enjoy your job?  
Is it better to do things with other people or to do them own your own?