

Level 4

PRACTICE

Writing Quiz 2

Write a short four-paragraph essay. Use between 230 and 250 words. Choose one of the following topics:

The pros and cons of hitchhiking for a vacation.

You can discuss factors like cost, safety, time, comfort, and the unpredictability of hitchhiking compared to the reliability of bus travel.

The pros and cons of online shopping.

You can discuss factors like convenience, cost, product variety, delivery time, the ability to try items in person, and the overall shopping experience.

The pros and cons of using credit cards.

You can discuss factors like financial responsibility, interest rates, security, rewards programs, and the risk of overspending.

The pros and cons of working part-time while studying.

You can discuss factors like earning extra income, time management, the impact on academic performance, gaining work experience, potential stress, and how balancing work and studies affects a student's financial situation and lifestyle compared to relying solely on student loans or parental support.

BONUS: LINKING EXPRESSIONS

These are linking expressions that link ideas. These expressions link sentences—i.e. link their ideas. These expressions usually start a new sentence.

As a result, consequently, furthermore—Result/Adding Information

The program is growing. **Consequently**, there will be a lot more to do.

Besides, furthermore, in addition, moreover—Adding Extra Information

The location of the house isn't convenient. **Besides**, it's too expensive.

However, yet, nevertheless, nonetheless—Contrast

The shop sold everything the people wanted. **Nevertheless**, no one shopped there.

In the same way, likewise, similarly—Similarity

I believe most teenagers are nice people. **Similarly**, research supports this idea.