



IELTS Writing phrases prepositions pairwork Student A

Choose one of the sections below and read out phrases with that word missing until your partner guesses what needs to go in the gaps. They can only guess once per example.

Above

For the reasons given _____, I believe that...

Having taken all the factors _____ into account, it can be concluded that...

As

not as important _____....

_____ a consequence,...

As well _____

Taking Japan _____ an example,...

_____ mentioned above...

At

_____ the same time

Below

I will deal with each of these points _____.

Between

The biggest similarity _____ the lines is...

For

_____ instance,...

_____ the most part

_____ this reason,...

That is true for many, but _____ others...

From

Far _____ the town centre

prohibited _____...

,...including examples _____ my own experience

will start to suffer _____...

In

_____ contrast,...

_____ many cases

To put it _____ other words,...

_____ this essay, I will...

They have several things _____ common

All _____ all

_____ addition

_____ conclusion,...

...but _____ fact,...

The main argument _____ favour of... is...

_____ order to achieve...

_____ the vicinity of.../ near...

Than

A few percent less _____...

rather _____

there are more drawbacks _____ benefits

Try to think of other phrases that mean the same as the phrases above, from the list and/or your own knowledge.



IELTS Writing phrases prepositions pairwork Student B

Choose one of the sections below and read out phrases with that word missing until your partner guesses what needs to go in the gaps. They can only guess once per example.

Of

Another root cause _____ this is...
First _____ all,...
In spite _____ these differences,...
The benefits _____ using...
Another point _____ view is that...
the negative side _____...
I will examine the pros and cons _____...
hundreds _____ millions of people all over the world
to the northwest _____ London
the best illustration _____ this is...
a growing number _____...
a significant amount _____...
in a suburb _____ that town

To

Similar _____...
Turning _____ the things that could be said against this,...
This usually leads _____...
_____ some extent/
due _____ the fact that...
_____ summarize,...
It is easy _____ understand why...
_____ give another example...
come _____ a conclusion
near _____ the river
There are positives and negatives _____ both
I consider it important _____...
preferable _____ the other options
citizens should be allowed _____...
_____ tackle this problem, parents should...
that is _____ say,...
this tends _____ cause...
take steps _____ resolve...
_____ be specific,...
according _____ the map,...

Up

weigh _____ both sides of the issue

With

This contrasts _____ the aforementioned country, where...
I will support my opinion _____ examples.
have problems _____...

Try to think of other phrases that mean the same as the phrases above, from the list and/or your own knowledge.



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Suggested alternative phrases

Above

For the reasons given _____, I believe that.../ Due to the reasons given above, I think...

Having taken all the factors _____ into account, it can be concluded that.../ Having considered all of those points, one could come to the conclusion that...

As

Not as important _____.../ Less important than _____ a consequence/ Because of this

As well _____/ In addition to...

Taking Japan _____ an example,.../ I can illustrate my point by looking at Japan, which... _____ mentioned above.../ As I wrote above,.../ As noted above,...

_____ far as is concerned/ Thinking about...

At

_____ the same time/ Concurrently/ Simultaneously

Below

I will deal with each of these points _____./ Each of these issues is addressed in the following paragraph(s).

Between

The biggest similarity _____ the lines is.../ The way in which the two lines are most similar is...

For

_____ instance,.../ For example/ e.g./ One example of this is...

_____ the most part/ Mainly

_____ this reason,.../ Because of this

That is true for many, but _____ others...

From

prohibited _____.../ not allowed to...

,...including examples _____ my own experience/ illustrated with my own personal experience

will start to suffer _____.../ will start to have problems with...

In

_____ contrast,.../ This contrasts with...

_____ many cases/ Often

To put it _____ other words,.../ To explain that another way,...

_____ this essay, I will.../ I will... below.

They have several things _____ common/ There are several similarities/ They are similar in several ways

All _____ all/ Taking everything into consideration

_____ addition/ Furthermore/ Moreover

_____ conclusion,.../ To conclude,.../ To bring this essay to a conclusion,...

But _____ fact,.../ Actually

The main argument _____ favour of... is.../ The main reason why I support... is...

_____ order to achieve.../ To achieve...

_____ the vicinity of.../ near...



Of

Another root cause _____ this is.../ An additional fundamental reason for this is...

First _____ all,.../ Firstly,.../ First,...

In spite _____ these differences,... - Despite these areas of difference,...

The benefits _____ using... - The positive consequences of using...

Another point _____ view is that... - Other people see it another way, being...

Than

A few percent less _____.../ Two or three percent under...

rather _____ / instead of

there are more drawbacks _____ benefits/ the disadvantages outweigh the advantages

To

Similar _____.../ The same in many ways as...

Turning _____ the things that could be said against this,.../ Moving onto the opposite point of view,...

This usually leads _____.../ This generally causes...

_____ some extent/ Somewhat...

Due _____ the fact that.../ Owing to...

_____ summarize,.../ To sum up,...

It is easy _____ understand why... - We can easily comprehend the reason for...

_____ give another example... - An additional example of this is...

Come _____ a conclusion - Reach a conclusion

near _____ the river/ close to the river

There are positives and negatives _____ both/ Both have pros and cons

I consider it important _____.../ I think that ... should be a priority.

preferable _____ the other options/ better than the alternatives

citizens should be allowed _____.../ ... should be permitted to citizens

_____ tackle this problem, parents should.../ in order to solve this problem, parents ought to...

that is _____ say,.../ in other words

this tends _____ cause.../ this often leads to...

take steps _____ resolve.../ do something in order to tackle...

_____ be specific,.../ specifically...

according _____ the map,.../ from the information on the map we can say that...

Up

Weigh _____ both sides of the issue - Look at both points of view

With

This contrasts _____ the aforementioned country, where.../ This is different to the country mentioned above, where...

I will support my opinion _____ examples./ using examples to back up my views

have problems _____.../ suffer from