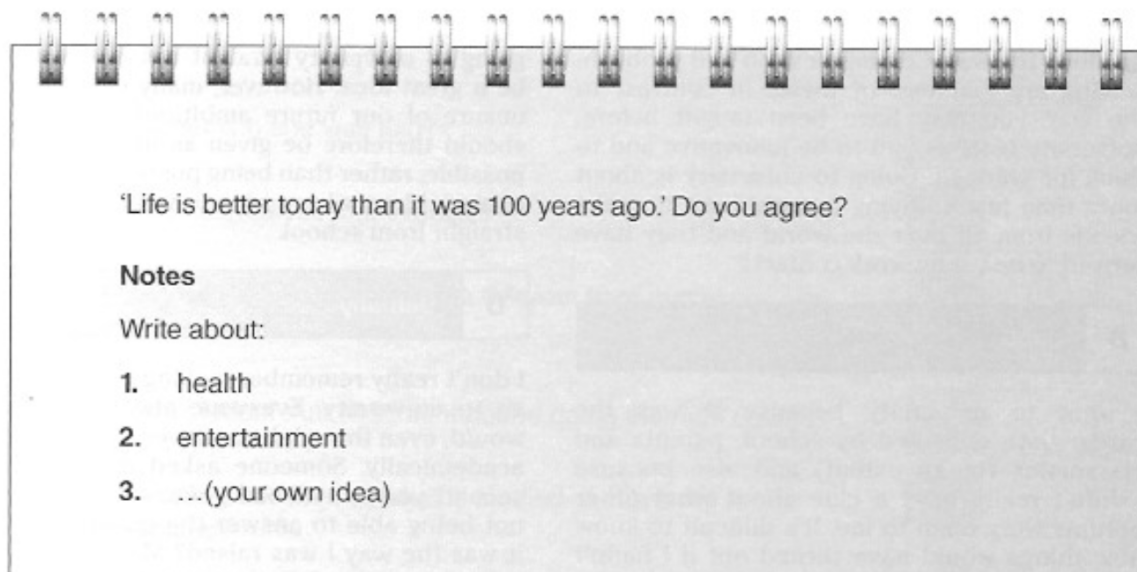




1. Decide if you agree or disagree with the statement.

e.g. *I agree.* Now time to give some reasons why...

Health: Today we have universal healthcare, available to everybody. People have a longer life expectancy than in past. Science has advanced and we are able to make better decisions about our health.

Entertainment: Many more types of entertainment available these days (TV, computer games). In general, people have more holiday time = more opportunities to relax and enjoy ourselves.

Extra idea (money): People earn more money than in the past (although poverty still exists). Can afford to have holidays, treat themselves and save.

2. Write the introduction to your essay using the model. Remember to make it reflect your opinion which you decided previously.

Nowadays, more and more people are living lifestyles which were impossible 100 years ago. However, what is better: living as we do now in the modern world, or as our ancestors did in the past? I would say that present day lifestyles are more beneficial based on three arguments.

Remember! Try to use a variety of vocabulary, e.g. *lifestyles* instead of repeating *life*, *ways of life*, etc.

3. Write the body of your essay.

Introduce each of the three middle paragraphs with linkers (*Firstly, Secondly, Last but not least*).

e.g. Firstly, it is widely known that healthcare has improved considerably. These days, it is available to everyone for free in most developed countries and as a result, people have much longer life expectancies. In addition, science has advanced compared to 100 years ago, and we make better decisions about our health, for example, by not smoking.

4. Be ambitious with your language!

In the paragraph above, find examples of:

The passive:

Present perfect:

Comparative structure:

Linkers:

5. Conclusion

Use a linker to start the conclusion (*To conclude,*). Fit your conclusion around the model below.

To conclude, while there are strong arguments for thinking that life might have been better in the past (*the opposite opinion to yours*), I believe there are many more benefits to the lifestyles which we have today. I believe that the arguments related to health, entertainment and money demonstrate this.