

Writing skills: the Introduction

- plan carefully
- translate this plan into sentences
- answer:

- What is the topic?
- What is the question?
- What is your opinion?
- What are your reasons?

topic ≠ question

Such answers should be
at least 3 to a max of 5 sentences:

- 1 general (topic)
- 2 (question)
- 3 thesis
- 4 general/bridge

Example - Essay question: "Is it better to live in the countryside or in the city?"

1- First possible answer

Deciding where to live is one of life's more difficult choices. One may opt for life in the country, or the city. In my opinion, life in the city is more advantageous. This is because the city offers better economic and social opportunities.

[47 words]

To further improve this writing, I can merge the last two sentences: I can change the "period" with a comma and erase "this is":

In my opinion, life in the city is more advantageous, since/because the city offers better economic and social opportunities.

2- Second possible answer

As people reach adulthood, they need to decide on where they would prefer to live. While there are advantages to both living in the country and the city, I believe that for economic reasons life in the city is more beneficial. This is because the city offers more employment opportunities, as well as a more affordable cost of living.

[61 words]



Longer, more complex sentence, which shows a strong command of the language.