Academic Writing Task 2

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Plan before you begin

Check the audience, purpose and required length. Organise your ideas, write or speak, then check meaning and accuracy.
Example: A clear paragraph has one main idea with useful supporting detail.
Spend about 40 minutes. Write at least 250 words. Give a clear position, develop relevant ideas and support them with examples.

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Try it yourself

1. Schools should teach pupils how to manage money as well as traditional academic subjects. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Describe figures without inventing causes

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.
Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.
Use the fictional figures below for a short academic writing-planning exercise. Identify the main pattern before selecting comparisons. Compare the size of each change instead of describing the dates as unrelated lists. The data describe registrations, not attendance, learning outcomes or reasons for the change.
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Fictional community course registrations:
2021: weekday course 40; weekend course 60.
2025: weekday course 70; weekend course 50.
The figures count registrations for two course options at one centre. No information about fees, class size limits or learner satisfaction is supplied.
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Try it yourself

1. Write one overview sentence identifying the two main changes without giving a cause.

2. Write two accurate numerical comparisons. Use both years across your answer.

3. Write a brief paragraph combining the overview with selected figures. Then name one claim that these data cannot establish.