

Writing task 2, lesson 2: Introductions

In the video lesson I explained my techniques for writing short, fast and effective introductions.

Now I want to highlight some of the good vocabulary in my introductions. Fill the gaps below with the word or phrase that I used. The answers are on page 2.

1. Discussion

People have different views about the effectiveness of group study _____ working alone. While there are some benefits to studying independently, I believe that group work is usually more _____.

2. Opinion

It is sometimes argued that high school students should be made to do some work in their local communities. I completely agree that this kind of _____ would be a good idea.

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3. Problem and solution

It is true that punishments do not always _____ criminals _____ committing more crimes. There are various reasons why offenders repeatedly _____, but governments could certainly take steps to address this issue.

4. Two-part question

Work plays a _____ in our lives, and we would all like to feel _____ professionally. While a variety of factors may lead to job satisfaction, it would be unrealistic to expect everyone to be happy at work.

Correct answers:

1. as opposed to
2. productive
3. scheme
4. force
5. unsalaried
6. voluntary
7. deter
8. from
9. break the law
10. central role
11. fulfilled