

How to be Successful in the Writing Part of your ЕГЭ?

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Some General Rules

Without INPUT there is no OUTPUT

READING

- newspaper and magazine articles;
- different reports and accounts;
- texts from books, novels & stories;

Thus, you form passive, subconscious storage of writing pieces, layouts and forms, structures and servicing words

EXPRESS METHOD

If preparation time is not enough, it is better to outline an early memorized passage than to create something.

You must have:

- ✓ **A kit of early memorized passages (for both C1 and C2);**
- ✓ **A tool kit of opening statements and linking words.**

A kit of early memorized passages

Risk-shooting:

- in case of lack of skill of combining ready-mades – use only word combinations and expressions;
- make sure you proofread the draft after completing.

Types of EΓЭ Writing for 2012:

C1:

✓ **Social Writing**

(personal letter);

C2:

✓ **Academic Writing**

(opinion essay).

Aspects to pay attention to:

- ✓ **Form (layout);**
- ✓ **Discourse Organization**
(developing ideas, logical development).
- ✓ **Paragraph Structure;**
- ✓ **Cohesive Devices (linking words);**
- ✓ **Choice of Vocabulary.**



Form (Layout):

English people pay more attention to the form (structure, layout, logic) of the Writing Piece than we do.

Paragraph Structure:

- ✓ Topic (general) Sentence.
- ✓ Supportive Sentence (-s) (develops the topic).
- ✓ Paragraph Structure must be **clear** and **visible**, easy understandable for the reader.

Example:

A Topic Sentence is followed by two Supportive Sentences:

- ✓ *However, I have just a few criticisms to make.*
- ✓ *Firstly,*
- ✓ *Secondly,*

Cohesive Devices:

- ✓ = **linkers** by which parts of a text are linked as logically related sequences.
- ✓ provide relationship between ideas so that the writer's **intentions (purpose)** are made clear;
- ✓ make obvious the **developing thread** of meaning (message) which the writer is trying to communicate.

Cohesive Devices:

- ✓ Pronouns;
- ✓ Articles;
- ✓ Conjunctions;
- ✓ Demonstratives;
- ✓ Prepositional Phrases;
- ✓ Synonyms;
- ✓ Repetition of Key Words;




Some Strategies for the success at EΓΘ

When you choose vocabulary try to find the lexical field which will best serve the function of your writing.

For example, if you are describing your friend's character you will use the words like:

- ??????????
- ??????????

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- When you choose the vocabulary always select the word combinations which contain the **smallest number of words**, but denote some big idea, i.e. laconic expressions.


A real Englishman will use 2 words instead of 7 to express something.

Example:

- A marketable job (a job which is in great demand on the labour market);
- Promotion prospects (possibilities and opportunities to be promoted in one's career)
- etc.


- When you choose the vocabulary try to use mostly the words of informal style for C1 and formal style for C2.

To minimize the risk you'd better use vocabulary marked as FML and WRIT in the dictionaries.

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- If you may be “judged” for the usage of extraordinary “inappropriate” vocabulary, you have to increase the value of your writing by the usage of **complex, professional grammar structures.**

These may be borrowed as **example sentences** of different grammar reference books:

- R. Murphy *‘English Grammar in Use’*;
- Longman *Exams Coach ‘Essay Builder’*;
- *Музланова-Кисунько’s books.*

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- You can borrow there different **passive** structures, samples of proper **consequence of tenses**, proper usage of **modal verbs**, various **complex constructions**, like *used to do, would, have something done, no matter that*, etc.
 - But be very careful with the **appropriate and relevant** use of them.



Opinion Essay

C2 Opinion Essay :

✓ belongs to Academic Writing

In C2 Opinion Essay we :

- ✓ **express personal opinion about some idea, statement, subject.**
- ✓ **and**
- ✓ **discuss advantages and disadvantages of something.**

C2 Opinion Essay :

- ✓ **Present Simple** is mostly used;
- ✓ **You may also use appropriate Modals and Passive Structures.**

C2 Opinion Essay :

“Social networks will substitute real-life communication”

- ✓ Here we express our personal opinion about this statement.

C2 Opinion Essay :

“Social networks will substitute real-life communication” writing piece can be organized in the following way:

- ✓ An Opening Statement (depersonalized);
- ✓ An *‘In-my-opinion’* Paragraph with arguments;
- ✓ A *‘Some-people-disagree’* Paragraph with arguments.
- ✓ An *‘I cannot agree with this’* Paragraph with a counterargument;
- ✓ Restated Conclusion (balanced).

Cohesive Devices

Connectors of Concession:

- ✓ ***However;***
- ✓ ***Despite;***
- ✓ ***Yet;***
- ✓ ***Although;***
- ✓ ***Nevertheless.***

Cohesive Devices

Connectors of Addition:

- ✓ ***As well as;***
- ✓ ***Too;***
- ✓ ***In addition;***
- ✓ ***Also;***
- ✓ ***Moreover.***

Plan:

- ✓ *Studying sample writings;*
- ✓ *Correction work by January;*
- ✓ *Youtube C1-C2 Writing Video (Елена Сотникова);*
- ✓ *Reading different guidelines and strategies;*
- ✓ *Authentic Writing Sessions.*



Many Thanks!
GOOD LUCK!

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