

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

The difference between the rich and poor in the world seems to be getting larger.

What do you think are the causes of this? What, in your opinion, should be done to stop this from happening?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge and/or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

If we look anywhere in the world today, it seems to be that the gap between the haves and the have-nots is getting bigger every year. Especially, after the recent economic crisis, developed countries like the United States and Australia have seen many people became worse-off while a select few grew stronger financially. Among many other reasons, the two most significant causes seem to be the lack of financial education among the poor, and the rich who takes advantage of the financially ignorant via promotion of consumerism and instant gratification.

Especially, - In particular,

have seen many people became worse-off while a select few grew stronger - have seen many people become worse-off while a select few have grown stronger (*watch your sequence of tenses in this construction*)

rich who takes advantage - rich who take advantage (*the rich is referring to a group of people; hence plural*)

Firstly, there is a lack of basic education when it comes to financial matters. It is not being taught in schools and it is not being taught at universities. Most people do not know how to manage their money after they graduate. So they end up getting into debt and not knowing how to get out ^{^^}.

how to get out of it.

Secondly, the rich who are very well educated in finances take advantage of those who are ignorant in financial matters. The poor are being bombarded with easy access to credit, promotion of credit cards, commercials that promote instant gratification – all trying to get people in debt so they end up spending their hard-earned money to pay off their debt, plus interest, to the rich all their lives.

There are a couple of things that the government can do to fix the situation. Firstly, make financial education compulsory in public schools. Secondly, cut spending of tax money

on funding the war in other countries and use it to reform the education system and provide interest free micro loans to those who need help getting back on their feet.

on funding the war - [on funding wars](#)
interest free – [interest-free](#)

In brief, the gap between the rich and the poor is mainly caused by [^] lack of financial education and the rich taking advantage of the poor by getting them into debt. To narrow the distance between the two, the government should educate and provide financial resources to the poor.

by [^] lack of - [by a lack of](#)

Final comments and [approximate IELTS band score](#)

Task Response 8

You sufficiently addressed all parts of the task. You presented a well-developed response to the question with relevant, extended and supported ideas.

Coherence and Cohesion 8

You sequenced information and ideas logically and managed all aspects of cohesion well.

Lexical Resource 8

You used a wide range of vocabulary with rare errors in word choice and spelling.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy 7

You used a variety of complex structures and error-free sentences were frequent. Take note of my corrections. You made a few errors and need to revise the use of [articles](#) , you must be careful with the sequence of tenses. Please note that in order to get Band Score 8, you are only allowed to make 'very occasional errors'.

Approximate overall IELTS score 7.5