

Task 1

You should spend 20 minutes on the following task.

You want to arrange a conference for your company, and you need to ask one of your colleagues to give a presentation in this conference.

Write a letter to your colleague. In your letter include:

- Details about the conference – Global English, 2 days – panel - presentation
- Why you want your colleague to give presentation – translanguaging and code-switching
- What arrangement will you do for this conference

Write at least 150 words.

Hi Jin,

As you are aware, I am arranging a conference for all our affiliates and franchises to take place May 23 – 25th via teleconferencing. I was hoping that you would consider being a panellist and presenter.

Your expertise in translingualism and classroom practice would be both informative and useful for our teachers. Often teachers are of the opinion that only English is to be used in the classroom whereas translanguaging and code-switching can be enormously beneficial in a teaching space.

The conference will consist of pre-recorded presentations and live panels. Your panel would be May 24th from 2pm to 4pm and does not require any preparation. The recorded lecture needs to be received by May 20th. If you require help with recording or formatting your presentation, Peter has offered to help. You can reach him via email (petergh@e4l.edu) or phone (0127843657).

I do hope that you will participate in the conference, and would appreciate your reply by March 14 at the latest.

Yours,

Jack Green.

Task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people say that the lives of people who live in the large cities are not comfortable.

What are the reasons behind this?

What could be the solution?

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

Write at least 250 words.

Model Answer

City living appears often very attractive and exciting to people from rural areas, however urban dwellers are often less relaxed and financially secure than their rural counterparts.

To live in a large city is expensive. Both house prices and rents can be very high, especially in sought after neighbourhoods with parks and other open spaces for recreation. In response, suburbs have numerous, cheaper small houses with no yards or large apartment complexes, neither of which allow for outdoor activities or promote a community spirit. All of this means that many citizens live in less than salubrious surroundings and may become isolated and unfit both physically and mentally.

Then there is also the problem of transportation in urban centres. Owning a vehicle may not be affordable and yet public transport may be inadequate, expensive or dangerous as well. Yet it is rare in cities that individuals live close to their place of work, so transport is essential and adds to the stress in citizens' lives.

One solution to these problems could be to improve public transport infrastructure and make it either free, or incredibly cheap to use while also providing low-cost well-built housing with plenty of green spaces and sporting facilities for community events and groups. This would both free up funds for individuals to use on finding better accommodation or improving their health, mental and physical and also make the lives of those who require low-cost housing due to financial constraints more comfortable.

In conclusion, while living in a city can be uncomfortable this could be alleviated if there was better public transport and better planned low-cost housing available.