

Thinking about Writing

Below is an example set of materials. However, these techniques can be used for almost any type of writing.

Task 1 – Brainstorming

Question: It is better to live in a city than the countryside. Discuss.

On the board:-

City		Countryside	
Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages

Note: Sometime the advantages for one will be a disadvantage for the other.

Task 2 – Speed writing

You now have 15 minutes to write your answer to the question:

Question: It is better to live in a city than the countryside. Discuss.

- Don't stop writing.
- Don't worry about mistakes.

- Leave a blank space .. the countryside is much _____ than the city ...

if you don't know a word or a phrase, or write it in your own language.

Task 3 – Loop writing.

- Now use the information, and sentences, you have written in your speed-writing to write a final text.
- Which sentences, or ideas, should be included in the first paragraph?
- Write the first paragraph.
- Now write one sentence that summarises the first paragraph.
- Start the second paragraph with this sentence.
- Which other sentences, or ideas, from your speed writing should be included in the second paragraph?
- Write the second paragraph.
- Now write one sentence that summarises the second paragraph.
- Start the third paragraph with this sentence.
- Continue the process until you have finished.

Question: It is better to live in a city than the countryside. Discuss.

Answer: