

## IELTS 15 WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

*In some countries, owning a home rather than renting one is very important for people.*

*Why might this be the case?*

*Do you think this is a positive or negative situation?*

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

Write at least 250 words.

### **Step 1: Understand the Task**

The first step is to carefully read the task in order to understand it fully.

The task is asking you to compare the two things: **Why might people want to own their own home rather than rent? Is this positive or negative?**

### **Step 2: Decide Your Position**

#### **① What's your answer to this question?**

You may explain **two main reasons** why people want their own home: (1) stability and (2) as an investment.

#### **② Is it positive or negative?**

You may say there are certainly some positives, but there are also significant negatives, such as the risk of losing your home, and property price inflation.

### **Step 3: Plan**

You need to plan out your ideas: (1) develop these ideas (i.e. extend and support them), and (2) organize your ideas.

### **Step 4: Write**

If you get a map of your essay, your next step is to turn this plan into an essay.

**Now, you are ready to write the answer. Try to use less common words and sentence constructions.**

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### **Step 5: Check Your Essay**

Check your essay to eliminate errors as much as you can!

### **Assessment**

#### **Task Response**

The essay fully addresses the task, and ideas are well developed, with a clear position throughout. It addresses the task in a thoughtful way, not a rigid way (e.g. it acknowledges that there are both positives and negatives, rather than ONLY positives or ONLY negatives).

#### **Coherence and Cohesion**

Every sentence adds something new to the essay, so there is clear progression throughout. Ideas are well organized. Cohesion is natural and cohesive devices don't get in the way of the writing – the writing flows well.

コメントの追加 [Y1]: rigid = [考えや人などが] 柔軟性に欠ける

コメントの追加 [Y2]: acknowledge = [～を事実だと] 認める、承認する、同意する、認識する、受け入れる

## Lexical Resource

There is a wide range of clear, natural, concise vocabulary, which conveys meaning in a precise way, for example:

a sense of stability  
rental contracts are temporary agreements  
find alternative accommodation  
owning your own home  
house prices in the UK  
interest on bank deposits is close to zero  
taking out a mortgage  
house price inflation

## Sample Essay

Many countries around the world have seen a trend towards owning your own home instead of renting. This essay will consider why this is the case, and whether or not this is beneficial.

The first reason why people wish to buy their own home is because it provides them with a sense of stability. Rental contracts are temporary agreements, often just between 6 and 12 months in duration, at the end of which you may have to leave and find alternative accommodation. Owning a home means you get to live there permanently.

Second, owning home for investment purposes has grown in importance in recent years. Since property prices generally rise, real estate can be a safe place to invest your surplus income. House prices in the UK, for example, rise by around 4% per annum whereas interest on bank deposits is close to zero.

For individuals, then, there seem to be clear positive benefits to owning your home. But overall, I feel there are considerable downsides, both for individuals and for society as a whole. For most people, buying property requires taking out a mortgage, typically for a length of 25 years, and if at any time during this period borrowers are unable to maintain mortgage payments, they risk losing their property. For society as a whole there are also negatives. The demand for buying

コメントの追加 [Y3]: concise = 簡潔な

コメントの追加 [Y4]: this is the case = これは事実である

コメントの追加 [Y5]: a sense of stability = 安定感

コメントの追加 [Y6]: rental contracts are temporary agreements = 賃貸契約は一時的な契約です

コメントの追加 [Y7]: find alternative accommodation = 他の宿泊施設を見つける

コメントの追加 [Y8]: own a home = 家を所有する

コメントの追加 [Y9]: house prices in the UK = 英国の住宅価格

コメントの追加 [Y10]: per annum = 1年につき、1年ごとに。

コメントの追加 [Y11]: interest on bank deposits is close to zero = 銀行預金の利息はゼロに近い

コメントの追加 [Y12]: take out a mortgage = 住宅ローンを組む

コメントの追加 [Y13]: if at any time S + V = S が V する場合いつでも

property leads to house price inflation, which can mean people on low incomes, such as young people, can find it impossible to buy their own home, forcing them to rent.

In conclusion, a desire for stability and seeing a return on your investments are key reasons behind the trend towards buying property, but despite these benefits, there are serious problems.

(295 words)

【Score: 8.5 - 9.0】

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