



IELTS WRITING PREPARATION

**Useful phrases and
expressions
for a Band 8+ score**



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An (added/definite) advantage of

Public transport has **a definite advantage of** being cheap.

A small car has **the added advantage of** being cheaper to run.

A (serious/distinct) disadvantage to

There are **distinct disadvantages to** the plan.

There are **serious disadvantages to** both approaches.

Support the view

This example supports the view that reforms of tax systems can increase employment rates.

This evidence supports the view that there is too much violence on television.

I support the view that...

Take a view that

I take the view that it would be wrong to interfere.

I take the view that each individual is ultimately responsible for his health and fitness.

My own view is that...

Some people argue that ... My own view is that...

Some people argue that the government should promote healthy lifestyle options. **My own view is that** each individual is ultimately responsible for his health and fitness.

In my opinion

Try using this phrase in the middle the sentence:

Everyone should, **in my opinion**, have some understanding of science.

Each individual, **in my opinion**, is ultimately responsible for his health and fitness.

Opinion is divided on the issue.

Have the benefit of

Public transport **has a benefit of** low cost.

Those who **have a benefit of a good education** are more likely to get a high-paid job.

A (major) drawback of/with

This is the one **major drawback of** the new system.

The one big **drawback with** the plan is its high cost.

Benefits and drawbacks

The **benefits** of this system far **outweigh the drawbacks**.

Strengths and weaknesses

This approach has its **strengths and weaknesses**.

A fundamental weakness of this approach is its cost.

The strength lies in...

The **strength** of this solution **lies in** its low cost.

It could be argued that

It could be argued that laws are made by and for men.



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