

IELTS WRITING FEEDBACK

IELTS Writing Feedback Report

Personalised, evidence-based feedback from a former IELTS examiner.

CANDIDATE Sample Candidate	REPORT DATE 18 August 2026	REPORT REFERENCE TEE-IELTS-026
TEST TYPE Academic	TASK Task 2	TARGET BAND 7.0

QUESTION OR TASK

Some people believe that governments should invest more in public transport than in roads. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

YOUR ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

ESTIMATED OVERALL BAND 6.5	STRONGEST SCORING AREA Task Response · 7.0	MAIN AREA TO IMPROVE Grammar accuracy · 6.0
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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

You answer the question clearly and keep a consistent position throughout your essay. Your ideas are mostly easy to follow and you support them with relevant examples. However, some examples need more explanation, and errors in longer sentences sometimes make your meaning less clear. To move closer to Band 7, focus first on writing accurate sentences, then explain your ideas more fully and choose more precise words.

Your three priorities

1	Write accurate longer sentences Break a very long sentence into two when needed. Check the punctuation and make sure the subject and verb match.
2	Explain your examples fully After giving an example, add a sentence that clearly shows why it supports your main point.
3	Use more precise vocabulary Replace broad phrases such as 'a lot of problems' with words that express your exact meaning.

You will see specific examples, corrections and advice for each priority on pages 2 and 3.

IMPORTANT This independent practice feedback was prepared by a former IELTS examiner using the publicly available IELTS Writing band descriptors. The estimated band is not an official IELTS result, and your test-day score may differ.

YOUR CORRECTED RESPONSE

Your writing with corrections

Your complete response is shown below. The numbered corrections are explained on Page 3.

faces Text to change	face Suggested correction	[1] Explanation on Page 3
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QUESTION

Some people believe that governments should invest more in public transport than in roads. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

CANDIDATE RESPONSE

Nowadays, many cities ~~faces~~ -> **face**^[1] serious traffic problems, and governments must decide where public money should be ~~spend~~ -> **spent**^[2]. While roads are still necessary, I strongly agree that more investment should be directed to public transport because it can reduce congestion and ~~provides~~ -> **provide**^[3] a more equal service for citizens.

Firstly, better buses and trains can persuade people to leave ~~their car~~ -> **their cars** at home. If services are frequent, affordable and ~~connects~~ -> **connect**^[4] residential areas with workplaces, commuters are more likely to choose them. This means ~~less~~ -> **fewer**^[4] vehicles on the road, which reduces both journey times and air pollution. It can also reduce pressure on parking spaces in crowded city centres. For example, when a city ~~introduce~~ -> **introduces**^[5] a reliable metro system, thousands of workers can travel without using private cars. As a result, the whole population ~~receive~~ -> **receives**^[6] benefits, even those who continue driving.

Secondly, public transport is fairer than building more roads. Road projects mainly benefit people who can ~~afford own~~ -> **afford to own**^[5] a car, whereas buses and trains are used by students, elderly people and workers on low incomes. Investment can also make stations more accessible for disabled passengers. This is important because a transport system ~~should not only be efficient, it should be available~~ -> **should be not only efficient but also available**^[3] to every member of society.

However, governments should not completely ~~stop spend~~ -> **stop spending**^[6] money on roads. Existing roads need to be maintained, and rural areas may not have enough passengers to support frequent public transport. Therefore, a balanced approach is needed. Nevertheless, in most large cities the greater share of funding should go to public transport, as this will create cleaner, less congested and more inclusive places to live.

ORIGINAL WORD COUNT 267	FOCUS Accuracy in verb forms, agreement and word choice
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EXAMINER NOTE The corrections preserve your original meaning and style. Page 3 explains the recurring patterns that will have the greatest effect on your score.

Why these changes matter

A concise explanation of your scores, the main corrections and what to practise next.

YOUR ESTIMATED SCORES

TASK RESPONSE 7.0	COHERENCE & COHESION 7.0	LEXICAL RESOURCE 6.0	GRAMMAR 6.0
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OVERALL BAND 6.5 Your response is clear and well organised. Vocabulary precision and grammar accuracy are the main barriers to Band 7.

KEY CORRECTIONS EXPLAINED

1 Match the subject and verb

Plural subjects such as 'cities' use 'face'; a singular subject such as 'a city' uses 'introduces'.

2 Use the correct passive form

After 'should be', use the past participle: 'should be spent'.

3 Keep joined structures parallel

Use the same form: 'can reduce and provide' and 'not only ... but also ...'.

4 Use 'fewer' with countable nouns

Vehicles can be counted, so write 'fewer vehicles', not 'less vehicles'.

5 Use 'afford to'

The pattern is 'afford + to + verb': 'people who can afford to own a car'.

6 Use '-ing' after 'stop'

When an activity ends, use 'stop + verb-ing': 'stop spending'.

STRONGER MODEL SENTENCES

- 1 Reliable public transport can reduce private-car use, easing congestion and lowering urban air pollution.
- 2 Even residents who continue to drive benefit from shorter journey times and less congested roads.

YOUR FOCUSED ACTION PLAN

1	Accuracy check Underline each subject and check that its verb agrees.	2	Develop examples Add one sentence explaining why each example supports your point.	3	Build precision Record five useful topic collocations and use them in a new paragraph.
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