

Governments give lots of support to artists, even though some people think it is a waste of money that could have been spent better elsewhere.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

You should leave a clearly visible single line space between paragraphs. If your paragraph boundaries aren't clear, the examiner won't spend time trying to figure out where one paragraph ends and the next begins, they'll just consider the paragraphing to be inadequate/ineffective. Poor paragraphing reduces your score for coherence and cohesion.

Some would argue that spending huge amounts of money on supporting the artists is beneficial for the a country, while others believe that the same quantity- money could be used to improve other sectors of the country. This essay will argue that increasing financial aid for artists, such as painters, is not an optimal way, (...of doing what?) but investing in several other public services, like road construction, would be a much more ideal option (...to do what?).

You state your ideas, but it is not clear how they address the specific question. You must make sure that your ideas are relevant and that the reader will clearly understand how these ideas are related to the question.

Every nation would-wants its tourism sector to boom by investing more in on their artists, for they are responsible to bring-out for showing the culture of a country through their piecess of work. For instance, the Mona Lisa, the famous painting of Leonardo Da De Vinci, has become a the pride of for France and attracts many tourists. However, the count- number of people who actually opt for a career in the fieldss of the arts are is very few low. Hence, I believe that a country could allocate a small amount of funds from its monetary budget towards these artists to keep them motivated.

Your topic sentence should state that this is the reason why governments should invest money in these people.

You haven't explained your point in this paragraph. Make sure it's clear why governments should invest money in artists. This should be done before including an example.

Also, the explanation and the point in the topic sentence should be obviously connected.

Most countries don't have a very well-developed infrastructure, making it difficult for its citizens to carry ~~on out~~ their daily routines. An increased investment ~~on these~~ by governments in a country's infrastructure can help improve the economic state of the country. For instance, the quality of roads in India gets worse during because of the rains, making ~~commutation- commuting more problematic~~ for people, ~~more problematic~~. ~~As per a research from~~ According to The Times of India, 60% of the population ~~shuns avoids road~~ travelling by road in the rainy season to avoid delays. Thus, I believe the Government should divert its funds towards better road facilities, which would mean improved roads to travel on and access to transportation in previously inaccessible areas.

Your topic sentence should state that this is the reason why governments should allocate the money in this area.

You should make sure you understand the difference between explaining how something will happen and stating the desired outcome as you've done in the second sentence of this paragraph.

You have developed your idea to a certain extent, by adding an example, but extra ideas, such as the relationship with the economy, aren't necessary unless you're going to develop them further.

In conclusion, ~~Although although~~ expending money on ~~the~~ artists can promote the tourist industry of a country, ~~but~~ focusing more on the infrastructure should be the priority of a nation ~~for its~~ so as to encourage commercial growth.

Excellent. You have summarised your main ideas well and your opinion is very clear.

### Task Response - Band 6

You have answered the question and there is some good development in your response.

The points you've chosen for your essay are relevant, but to get a band 7, you need to develop these points clearly in both paragraphs.

In your supporting paragraphs, the explanations and examples need to be relevant to the point you're making. None of them can be vague or irrelevant if you are to score a band 7.

**Suggestions-** this should all be taken care of when you're making the plan because you will need to focus on everything else when you're writing the essay.

I would advise you to be stricter with yourself when you are choosing how to explain and exemplify your points. Ask yourself if the explanations and examples are related to your specific point or just the topic in general, ask yourself how they will help the reader to understand your point more clearly, and ask yourself if it is necessary to include them.

Your opinion should be clear in every paragraph of the essay.

### **Coherence and Cohesion- Band 6**

You arrange information and ideas coherently and there is a clear overall progression. However, there is no central topic to the supporting paragraphs and this makes it difficult to follow your argument.

The second paragraph is particularly confusing and it is not clear how this supports your thesis.

Your use of cohesive devices is generally effective.

You use paragraphing logically.

**Suggestion-** Your main problem is coherence (whether the essay is easy to understand). You can improve this in several ways. You have a clear thesis (opinion in the introduction) that helps the reader understand your point of view, but the rest of the essay must clearly support this thesis.

Your supporting paragraphs should have one (two at the most) main central topic. This will also make it easier for people to understand your essay.

### **Vocabulary- Band 6**

It is easy to understand the ideas you're communicating in your essay and you have used some vocabulary well, but the number of mistakes that you've made means that you wouldn't get a band 7 for vocabulary for this essay.

You are right to try pushing yourself to use less common words, but if you push yourself too far, as you've done while writing this essay, then you will start to make mistakes with your choice of words.

**Suggestions-** The most important thing, for now, is to work on your accuracy. If you're to get a band 7, you need to make fewer mistakes and this means you'll have to pay more attention to this when writing essays in future.

The short-term solution is to only use words that you understand completely and the long-term solution is to improve your overall level of vocabulary through immersion in the language and actively studying to expand your range.

### **Grammar- Band 6**

You've used a good range of grammatical structures and you've written enough complex sentences to get a band 7 for grammar, but this isn't going to happen until you stop making small mistakes in so many sentences.

You need to have errors in less than half of your sentences to get a band 7. This doesn't mean less than half of your grammar has no mistakes, it means that half of the sentences in your essay will have absolutely no grammatical mistakes whatsoever.

**Suggestions-** You really need to determine why you are making mistakes in so many of your sentences and ensure that you're doing everything in your power to stop this from happening in the real test.

If it's because you don't know how to use these grammatical structures correctly, then you need to spend time learning how to do this.

If it's because you weren't paying enough attention while writing, then you need to adjust your focus while you write your essays.

If it's because you didn't notice the mistakes, then you need to be more cautious when checking for errors.

If it's for another reason, then you need to make yourself aware of what that reason is and then make sure that you are reacting to this information appropriately.

### **Overall- Band 6**

Overall, this was a very good essay, but you could improve it in the following ways:

- Reduce the number of main ideas in your main body paragraphs.
- Develop your main ideas with clear explanations.
- Use an appropriate paragraph structure.
- Reduce the number of vocabulary mistakes you are making by only using words and phrases you are 100% sure about.

- Reduce the number of grammar mistakes you are making by reading each sentence immediately after you write it to check that it makes sense.
- Proofread your whole essay at the end.
- Analyse the question before starting to write to make sure that you are answering the specific question being asked.
- Plan your answers for 5-10 minutes before writing.

### **Suggested Resources:**

**Planning-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/07/02/how-to-plan-an-ielts-essay/>

**Main body paragraphs-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/05/21/write-supporting-paragraph-ielts/>

**Question analysis-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/03/05/how-to-understand-analyse-ielts-writing-task-2/>

**Introduction-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/03/05/how-to-write-introduction-ielts-writing-task-2/>

**Conclusion-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/06/14/ielts-writing-conclusions/>

**Examples-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/08/04/using-examples-in-writing-task-2/>

**Synonyms-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/09/01/ielts-synonyms/>

**Structures-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/03/03/ielts-writing-task-2-essay-structures/>

**Discuss both views-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/03/18/writing-task-2-discussion-essay-lesson/>

**Grammar-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/2015/04/20/ielts-grammar-mistakes/>

**Vocabulary-** <http://ieltsadvantage.com/vocabulary/>

## Sample Answer

Many artists are well supported by their governments, but some feel that this is a misuse of taxpayers' money. Although many artists couldn't continue to work without this support, I feel that public healthcare is in more urgent need of the money.

On the one hand, it is difficult for many arts institutions to generate profit, so without some help from the government, many theatres and other such places may have to close. It is important that the government assists such institutions so that they can continue to provide entertainment to the public. For example, there are many open-air concerts in the summer months in my hometown which wouldn't exist without the financial backing of the local council. However, I would argue that if these places were popular enough, they would be able to generate their own income.

On the other hand, public hospitals all over the world are under financial strain. It would seem obvious that people's health is of more importance than people's entertainment, so this money should be given to hospitals to upgrade equipment and shorten waiting lists. For instance, Downshire Hospital in Ireland has blamed the lack of public funding for their shortage of nurses and available beds. Therefore, I believe that the money given to artists should be redirected into the healthcare system.

In conclusion, although we may have fewer opportunities to enjoy the work of artists, I maintain that the money should be put into hospitals because people's health is a more worthy cause.