

## IELTS Writing Task 2: Sample Feedback

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.  
Write about the following topic

*The media pays too much attention to the lives and relationships of celebrities such as actors, singers or footballers. They should spend more time reporting about ordinary people instead.*

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 250 words.

It is argued that the social network concentrates too much in famous stars such as actors, singer or footballers. They should use more time announcing about common people rather. I equally agree and disagree with this statement and this essay will give the reason why.

The main reason why i agree is the life of normal people should be care more. The recent study indicates that 70% of news broadcasting on TV and other media is about famous people like pop stars and actors, only 30% left is about the everyday life of people. For example, there are so many people that poor and homeless, they need the supporting of us but we do not know because the press focusses too much on celebrities.

On the other hand, the press releases many news about famous people because of the massive attention of people about celebrities. The research of Vietnam Press Institute shows that most Vietnamese people read and watch news about the scandals, life styles, love affairs of people who is well known while the news about ordinary people attract a few people. My own experience about this situation is very accurate, me and my family always watch a lot about singers and actors, we only watch news about normal people when we encounter that.

In conclusion, this argument has both positive and negative. The main advantages is those people who are in trouble will get the supporting however, the primary disadvantages is the social network reports too much news about celebrities because people pay lots of attention to them.

260 words

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- Commented [C4]:** change to devote
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- Commented [C6]:** change to "instead"
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- Commented [C10]:** Change to "considered important" See LEXIS report.
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- Commented [C16]:** Change to "support"
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## IELTS Writing Task 2: Sample Report

### Task Response: Band 6

**Overall comment:** You covered the main parts of the prompt (answered the question). Try not to copy directly from the task statement in your opening sentence as this will be deducted from your word count. Paraphrase with a word like “*celebrities*” You stated a clear position in your thesis statement along with a statement of intent. Your main ideas used your knowledge, experience and gave relevant examples. Continue to use this format

**Suggestions:** The conclusion was a little unclear because you chose to use “advantages and disadvantages” which reads like a different type of Task 2 essay. For the conclusion of this essay type say... “*The main reason I agree is... on the other hand.*” Your ideas in the body paragraphs were relevant but you could expand on these a little more with supporting details. For example, in paragraph 2 it’s not necessary to give statistics about celebrities. Rather you could expand more on the reasons why we should care about people.

### Coherence and Cohesion: Band 6

**Overall comment:** You organized your ideas coherently and in distinct paragraphs with a central topic. However, the third paragraph was more fully developed than the second one. This was because you stated data about celebrities rather than focus on ordinary people. There was very little use of cohesive devices – linking words to show contrast, addition etc.

**Suggestions:** Try to start the body paragraphs with a clear topic sentence that summarizes the content of your paragraph. Try to use more linking words (cohesive devices). This type of essay is ideal for stating contrast, especially when your position is equally agreeing and disagreeing – “*although*”, “*however*” “*even though*” etc.

### Lexis: Band 6

**Overall comment:** Your lexical resource or range is adequate for the task. However, your choice of words led to quite a few errors. Having said that, you did try to use a wider range which resulted in several errors. Even though these errors did not impede communication, they were often quite basic. For example, “*accurate*” instead of “*similar*”

**Suggestions:** Try to expand your vocabulary by keeping personalized words lists which you can add to every day. Study vocabulary in topics such as “*education*” “*environment*”. Aim to learn about 10-12 new words every day. When you have finished writing a Task 2 answer, take 5 minutes to read it and check for vocabulary mistakes.

### Grammar: Band 5

**Overall comment:** There are frequent mistakes in grammar and punctuation, and this was the weakest area of your essay. These mistakes caused some difficulty when it came to understanding. For example, “*there are so many people that poor and homeless, they need the supporting of us*”. The mistakes were often quite basic. For example, “*many news*” “*me and my family*” “*people who is well known*”

**Suggestions:** Focus on and try to study the following grammar topics.

Countable and uncountable - “*many news*”

Plurals – “*the life of normal people*”

Relative Clauses – “*there are so many people that poor and homeless*”

**Overall: Band 6**

- Keep using this essay structure - clear paragraphs.
- You planned your answer well.
- Always give your answer a 5-minute check for vocabulary and grammar mistakes.
- Summarize your main ideas in the conclusion.
- Keep the supporting details in your body paragraphs relevant.
- Expand your use of cohesive devices.
- Keep vocabulary records and add to them every day.
- Refresh some basic grammar (listed above).

## Sample Answer

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Write about the following topic.**

*The media pays too much attention to the lives and relationships of celebrities such as actors, singers or footballers. They should spend more time reporting about ordinary people instead.*

*Do you agree or disagree?*

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

**Write at least 250 words.**

It is said that news stories these days excessively revolve around the personal lives of celebrities; therefore, it is suggested that the media should divert their attention to life stories of the general public. I equally agree and disagree with this suggestion, and this essay will detail the reasons why.

Too much coverage of public figures may set unrealistic expectations for beauty, and success, resulting in lower self-esteem among audiences. Well-known individuals are often portrayed as having flawless appearances and extravagant lifestyles. These idealized images can make people feel insecure or inadequate about their own lives. On the other hand, featuring stories of commoners from various backgrounds and lifestyles, or articles showcasing normal individuals' everyday achievements, allows viewers to see themselves reflected in the media, reducing the pressure to conform to standards set through celebrities' lives.

Nevertheless, people from the entertainment and sports industries should not be neglected completely for they can be a nation's economic driver. Reports on celebrity-related events, such as movie premieres or sports tournaments, often raise awareness and generate excitement among fans, which lead to them spending on products or services related to these events. In addition, tourism revenues can be increased through media attention to the personal travels or vacations of famous actors which, in turn, can inspire fans to visit the same destinations.

In conclusion, the main reason why I agree is that overexposure to famous people's private affairs may glamorize unrealistic standards, consequently negatively impacting self-esteem. However, I also believe that completely diverting the spotlight away from celebrities would be impractical because of the inherent interest in these people.

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## Additional Resources

Check out the free resources on the Total-IELTS website and YouTube channel.

### Grading:

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-info-grading>

### Planning:

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-planning>

<https://youtu.be/0S4jODVpbX0>

### Introduction:

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-introduction>

<https://youtu.be/9aEfIhtYYv4>

<https://youtu.be/LXrtw7R6djU>

### Body paragraphs:

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-body-paragraphs>

<https://youtu.be/M8ODOJS4E50>

### Conclusion

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-conclusion>

<https://youtu.be/leLoUn8pt0w>

### Sample Answers

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-blog/categories/ielts-writing-task-2>

<https://www.total-ielts.com/ielts-writing-task-2-sample-answers>

<https://youtu.be/4EHGZvedhys>

<https://youtu.be/3Rt7yIMdP9A>

<https://youtu.be/hjNXWuRuhwo>

### E-Books

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### Vocabulary

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