

## Writing 1: elements of a good composition

- A** Look at these instructions for a typical IELTS Writing task. Is it a topic you want to write about?

Write about the following topic:

*It is not right that film stars, singers and footballers are paid more money than they can spend while people all over the world do not have enough money to feed their children.*

*Do you agree with this statement?*

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

Write at least 250 words.



- B** Read the composition a student wrote and make notes about what you like and don't like. Then compare with a partner.

It's absolutely terrible that some people like film stars and footballers are paid so much money when there are millions of very poor people in the world. They can't afford to feed their children and don't even have clean water to drink.

People say that films stars and footballers entertain us and create jobs for other people but that's rubbish. It's disgusting that they can make more money in one day or one evening than most people can make in a year. Some people don't even make that much money in a lifetime.

People should be paid according to how useful their job is - not how much money they make for other people. If there wasn't any teachers or nurses, society couldn't continue and so they should make as much as a rock star.

Film stars, singers and footballers do an important job and we need to have them in the world, but it is completely crazy that they can be so rich so quickly.

- C** A teacher has read the composition and made some comments. Mark FIVE comments below (Y) yes, this is true and FIVE comments (N) no, this is not true.

1. The composition is difficult to read. I don't know what you are trying to say. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The composition is too short. You need an introduction and a longer conclusion. \_\_\_\_\_
3. You don't answer the question. A lot of what you say is not relevant. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The composition is badly organized and there are no paragraphs. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You express your opinions too strongly using very informal expressions. \_\_\_\_\_
6. There should be more linking words and phrases to introduce ideas and opinions. \_\_\_\_\_
7. There are a lot of spelling mistakes – sometimes with very simple words. \_\_\_\_\_
8. There are a lot of basic grammatical mistakes. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Sometimes it is not clear what reference words refer to. \_\_\_\_\_
10. You shouldn't use contractions in a composition like this. \_\_\_\_\_