

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topics:

Some industry leaders believe that children should learn computer programming in primary school.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? .

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

Write at least 250 words.

1. UNDERSTANDING

Understand the question clearly (2 minutes)

Some industry leaders believe that children should learn computer programming in primary school.

agree, partly agree or disagree

Get some good ideas (5 minutes)

kids more knowledge, limited time in curriculum, teaching skills, train teachers, ~~pressure from parents about~~ future?

2. FIRST NOTES

Note down basic ideas into paragraphs (5 minutes)

Introduction:

- with technology today - need to train people - not at primary

Body Paragraph 1:

- advantages - school-leavers with knowledge

Body Paragraph 2:

- disadvantages (curriculum) - limits time spent on skills

Body Paragraph 3:

- disadvantages (staffing) - few teachers have teaching skills

Conclusion:

- potential benefits - outweighed by disadvantages

3. IMPROVED NOTES

Build the paragraphs and add linkers (5 minutes)

Introduction:

- with technology today - need to train people - *but* not at primary

Body Paragraph 1:

- advantages - school-leavers with greater knowledge and experience, *understandably* help IT industry

Body Paragraph 2:

- disadvantages (curriculum) - *however* limits time spent on key skills (English and maths) - *more important*

Body Paragraph 3:

- disadvantages (staffing) - *furthermore* few existing teachers have skills so requires much rehiring or retraining

Conclusion:

- *although* potential benefits - outweighed by disadvantages - *on balance* against the idea