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# Intermediate II

英検準2級コース

## Writing Q & A

Real Eiken Questions with Original **Sample Answers**



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# Write

Writing ライティング

## Opening → reasons → ending & details

in 50~60 words (準 2 級)

[ *Opening* ].

I have two reasons.

**Answer the question = Copy the question**

“What fruit do you like the best?”

~~What fruit do you~~ I like ~ the best.

“Which do you like better, the countryside or the city?”

~~Which do you~~ I like better, the countryside ~~or~~ **better than** the city.

**First**, [ reason #1 ]. [ Details ].

**Details = More information**

For pre-2, you need REASON + DETAILS.

*“First, cats are cute. I love their whiskers.”*

**Second**, / **Also**, / **In addition**, [ reason #2 ]. [ Details ].

**So**, / **That's why** / **For these reasons** [ *opening* ].

**Ending = Repeat or rephrase the opening**

A repeat with small changes (“rephrase”) is best.

“I like nature better than big cities. I have two reasons. First... Second...”

**So**, I like nature better.” ~~than big cities.~~

You won't always need to give details for both of your reasons. Your target is **50~60** words. Sometimes you can skip “I have two reasons”, “First”, “Second”, etc. too.

**“What fruit do you like the best?”**

*I like **bananas** the best. I have two reasons. **First**, bananas are really **delicious**. I love the taste of them, especially when they're not too ripe. **Second**, my favorite color is **yellow**, though I like bananas the most when they're still a little green. It's an appealing color. **That's why** I like **bananas** the best.* (55 words) – Lucas Oickle

2018-1 (準2級)

Do you think parents should let their children play video games?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think parents should let their children play video games.*

**Yes, I think parents should let their children play video games.** I have two reasons.

**First,** some video games tell really **great stories** in interesting ways. Sometimes they're almost like **a new type of art.**

**Also,** many games are **educational** too.

**So, I think it's OK to let kids play video games.** (52 words) – Lucas Oickle

*Yes, I think parents should let their children play video games. I have two reasons. First, some video games tell really great stories in interesting ways. Sometimes they're almost like a new type of art. Also, many games are educational too. So, I think it's OK to let kids play video games. (52 words)*

2018-2 (準2級)

Do you think it is better for students to study alone or in a group?

*I think it's better to ~ (than ~).*

**I think it's better for students to study alone than in a group.** I have two reasons.

**First,** it's **easier to concentrate** when you're by yourself. It's much **quieter** and there are fewer distractions.

**Also,** you can study at **your own pace** when there aren't others around.

**That's why I think it's better to study alone.** (56 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2018-3 (準2級)

Do you think it is important for students to learn how to give presentations at school?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think it is important to ~.*

**Yes, I think it's important to learn how to give presentations.** I have two reasons.

**First,** public **speaking skills are useful** in many situations, like company presentations. You may be able to **advance farther in your career** if you are a skillful presenter.

**Second,** being able to give presentations can help to **build self-confidence.**

**So, I think it's very important.** (60 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2019-1 (準2級)

Do you think it is better for people to live in a house or in an apartment?

*I think it's better to ~ (than ~).*

**I think it's better for people to live in a house.** I have two reasons.

**First**, apartments have their advantages, **but** overall I think it's hard to beat the **spaciousness** of a house.

**Second**, houses usually have a **yard**. That means it's easier to **start a garden** if you want.

**So**, **I think it's better to live in a house.** (60 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2019-2 (準2級)

What is the best age for people to start learning English?

*I think ~ is best. / I think ~ is the best age.*

**I think it's best to start learning English as early as possible.**

**It's** well known that younger **children learn faster** than older ones, and that they learn new things more quickly than adults.

**Also**, to be truly **bilingual**, it's important to start as soon as you can.

**So**, **I think it's best to start learning as soon as possible.** (59 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2019-3 (準2級)

Do you think it is good for children to watch TV?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think it is good ~.*

**Yes**, **I think it's good for children to watch TV.** I have two reasons.

**First**, there are a lot of **good programs** that are both **educational** and **interesting**. You can **learn many new things** by watching TV.

**Also**, it's important to watch the news to have an **understanding of current events**.

**So**, **I think it's OK to watch TV.** (59 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2020-1 (準2級)

Do you think it is important for people to eat breakfast every day?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think it is important ~.*

**Yes, I think it's important to eat breakfast every day.** I have two reasons.

**First,** it's **not good** for your health to **skip meals**.

**Second,** eating breakfast gives you **energy** for the rest of the day. You **need the calories** for the day's activities.

**So, I think it's important to eat breakfast.** (52 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2020-2 (準2級)

Do you think parents should take their children to museums?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~ should ~.*

**Yes, I think parents should take their children to museums.** I have two reasons.

**First,** it's a good **family experience**. It's always nice to spend **time as a family** doing something.

**Also,** both children and adults can **learn new things** at museums.

**That's why I think** it's good to go **to museums** as a family. (55 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2020-3 (準2級)

Do you think classrooms in Japan should use air conditioners in the summer?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~ should ~.*

**Yes, I think classrooms in Japan should use air conditioners in the summer.** I have two reasons.

**First,** summers are getting hotter and hotter recently due to **climate change**.

**In addition,** it can be **difficult for students to focus** if they're uncomfortable. Being too hot is a **health risk** too.

**So, I think they should use air conditioners.** (58 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2021-1 (準2級)

Do you think it is a good idea for people to have a car?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~.*

**Yes, I think it's a good idea to have a car.**

**Cars** aren't good for the environment, **but** for now they're necessary for getting to **places that are far** from the train lines.

**They're also** useful for avoiding **crowded public transportation**, **though** you can still get stuck in traffic jams.

**Overall, I think it's a good idea to have** one. (60 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2021-2 (準2級)

Which do you think is better for people, borrowing books from libraries or buying books at stores?

*I think ~ is better than ~. / I think it's better to ~ than ~.*

**I think buying books is better than borrowing them from libraries.** I have two reasons.

**First,** I enjoy building my own **book collection** at home.

**Also,** when you own a book, you can **re-read it at any time** without the need to ever return it.

**So, I think buying books is better.** (52 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2021-3 (準2級)

Do you think there should be more sports programs on TV?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~ should ~.*

**No, I don't think there should be more sports programs on TV.** I have two reasons.

**First,** I **don't have any personal interest** in sports.

**Second,** I think there are **a lot of sports programs** on TV already. You can watch something sports related every day.

**So I don't think** we need **more sports programs.** (55 words) – Lucas Oickle

*No, I don't think there should be more sports programs on TV. I have two reasons. First, I don't have any personal interest in sports. Second, I think there are a lot of sports programs on TV already. You can watch something sports related every day. So I don't think we need more sports programs. (55 words)*

2022-1 (準2級)

Do you think it is a good idea for people to learn how to cook by using the Internet?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~.*

**Yes, I think it's a good idea for people to learn how to cook by using the internet.**

**For example**, you can use a **search engine like Google** to find lots of excellent **recipes** to try.

**Also**, **websites like Youtube** provide **videos** that you can easily follow along with.

**The internet** is a very useful tool for **learning** new things. (60 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2022-2 (準2級)

Do you think it is good for people to use smartphones while studying?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~.*

**Yes, I think it's good for people to use smartphones while studying.** I have two reasons.

**First**, you can access the **internet for research**.

**Also**, there are many **useful applications**. Typing a word into a **translator is faster** than looking it up in a paper dictionary, for example.

**That's why I think** there's no problem at all with **using smartphones**. (60 words) – Lucas Oickle

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2022-3 (準2級)

Do you think libraries should have more book events for children?

*Yes/No, I (don't) think ~.*

**Yes, I think libraries should have more book events for children.** I have two reasons.

**First**, it's important for **children to get interested in reading** from an early age.

**Second**, public events are a great way to build a **sense of community**. You can even **make new friends**.

**That's why I think** there should be **more book events**. (58 words) – Lucas Oickle

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