

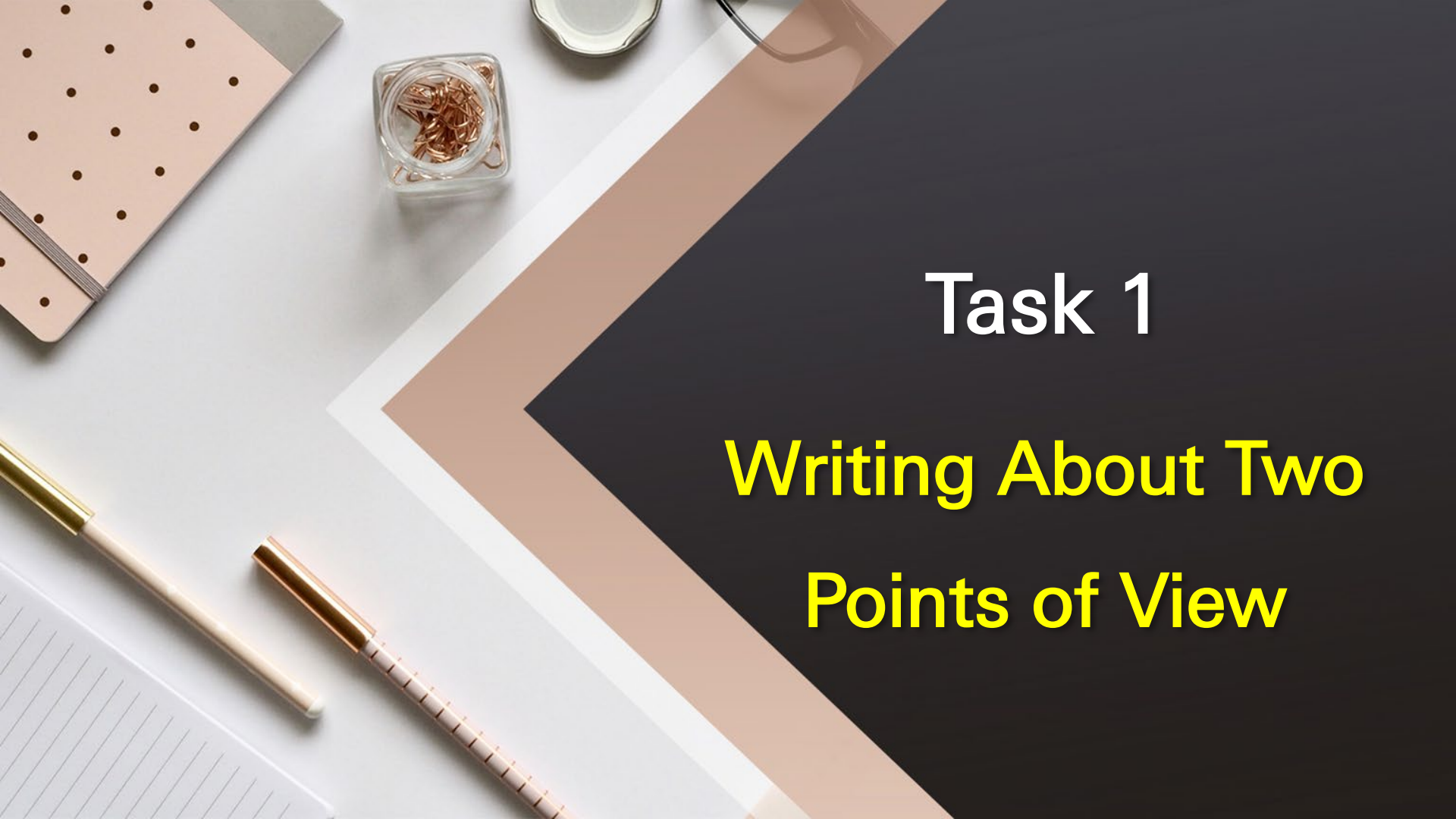
English Writing Exam



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Task 1

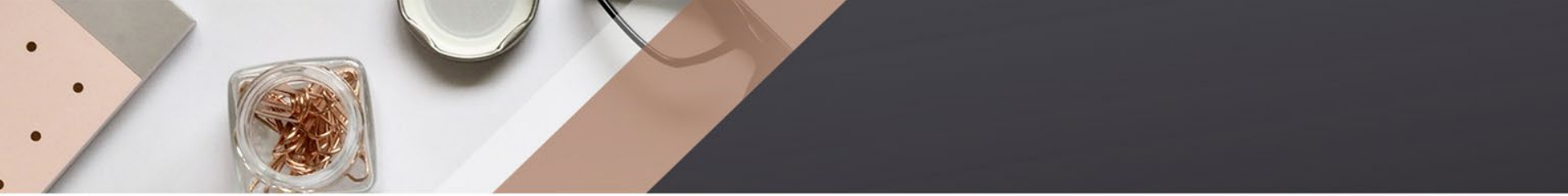
Writing About Two Points of View



Overview

Test Date	Tuesday 25 Nov. 2025	Platform	Swift Assess
Themes	• Pushing Boundaries • Rise to the Challenge	Tasks	• Task 1 (15 marks) • Task 2 (25 marks)
Timing	Writing : 12:00 – 01:30 pm Reading : 01:30 – 02:30		

Part	Level	Theme	Vocabulary	Grammar	Functional Language
Part 4: Writing	At Grade Level Goal Produce clear, extended and detailed written or multimodal texts, expressing comparisons, justifications and conditions where appropriate.	Rise to the Challenge Two Different Ways of Living: A Personal Viewpoint (Resource 05, 06)	Term 1 Vocabulary	Stage 9 grammar	FL.26 Comparing and contrasting FL.16 Expressing opinion Describing advantages and disadvantages Expressing agreement and disagreement
		Task Description	Learning Outcomes		Construct Limits
	Express ideas, information, opinions, feelings, emotions and personal perspectives, giving detailed reasons and explanations at some length. Produce extended, structured written or multimodal texts that clearly follow conventional text-type features appropriate to the task, contain paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting details, and show a clear awareness of audience. Use a wide range of cohesive devices, and referencing or substitution to connect ideas clearly in texts, ensuring coherence throughout.	Guided constructed response 4.1 Read the text carefully. What are the two different points of view presented in the text? Summarise them in your own words. 4.2 Read the text again. Main writing prompt. - prompt 1 - prompt 2 - prompt 3 Write at least 220 words.	Fluency in text production ENG.09.WR.P.1.1: Produce clear, extended and detailed written or multimodal texts on concrete and some abstract topics, expressing comparisons, justifications and conditions where appropriate, where meaning is clear, although there may be repetition of language and structures at times, and more complex language may result in occasional inaccuracies. Presentation and development of ideas ENG.09.WR.P.2.1: Express ideas, information, opinions, feelings, emotions and personal perspectives on concrete and some abstract topics, giving detailed reasons and explanations at some length using simple and complex language and expressions in extended written or multimodal texts, although there may be repetition of language and structures at times, and more complex language may result in occasional inaccuracies. Text structure ENG.09.WR.P.9.1: Produce extended, structured written or multimodal texts on concrete and some abstract topics that clearly follow conventional text-type features appropriate to the task, contain paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting details, and show a clear awareness of audience, although there may be repetition of language and structures at times, and more complex language may result in occasional inaccuracies. Coherence and cohesion ENG.09.WR.S.5.1 : Use a wide range of cohesive devices, and referencing or substitution to connect ideas clearly in extended, structured written or multimodal texts on concrete and some abstract topics, ensuring coherence throughout, although there may be repetition of language and structures at times, and more complex language may result in occasional inaccuracies.		4.1 One text of 200 words related to theme that is structured on two thoughts. Organise the discussion of each aspect into separate paragraphs. One question asking what the two points of view presented in the text are, in their own words. 4.2 - One question asking them to write a comparative essay in response to the text. - Three prompts comparing the points of view, explaining which point of view they agree with (giving reasons) and supporting their choices with evidence from the text. - Word count: 220 words 40 marks (based on rubric)

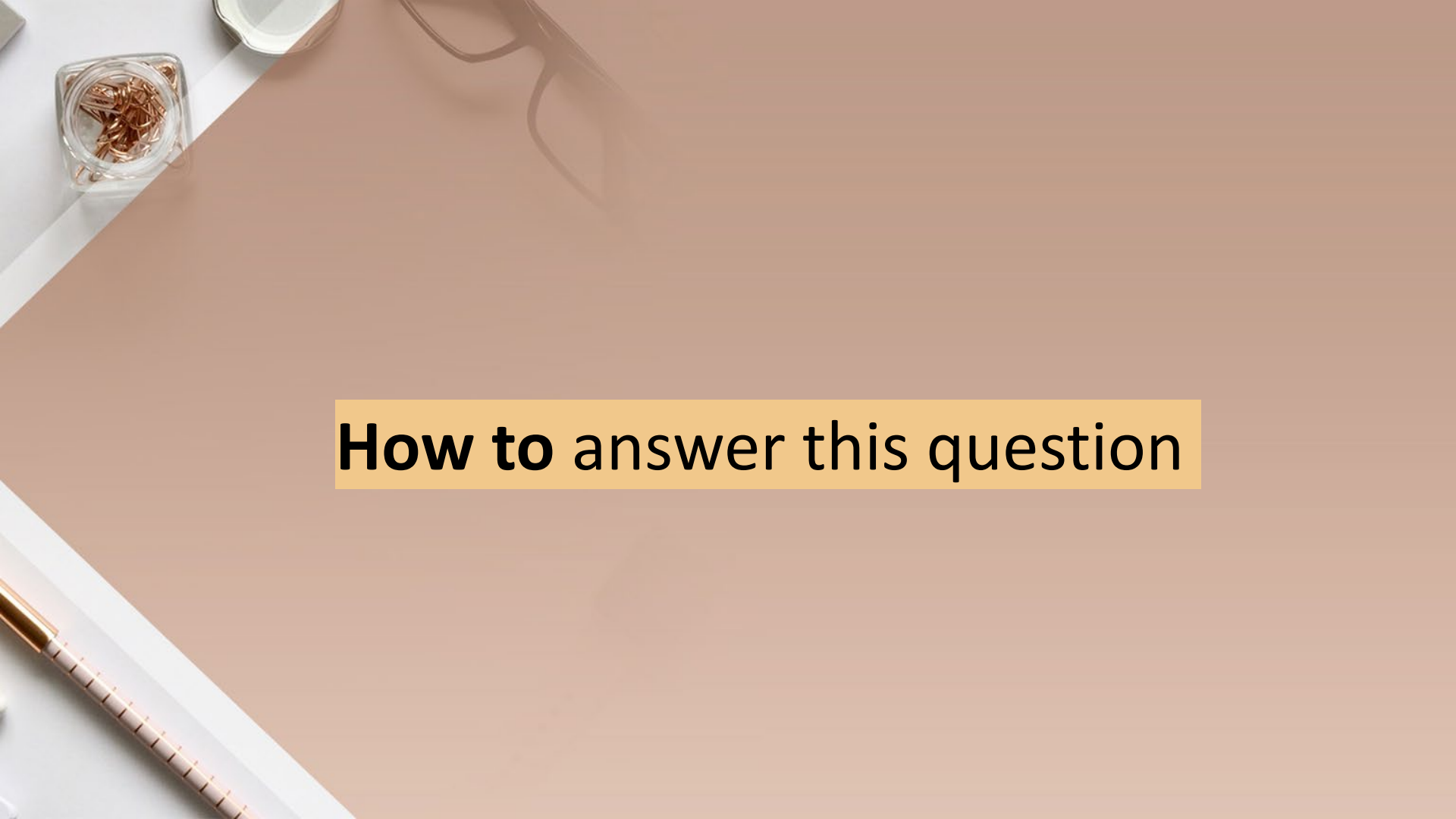


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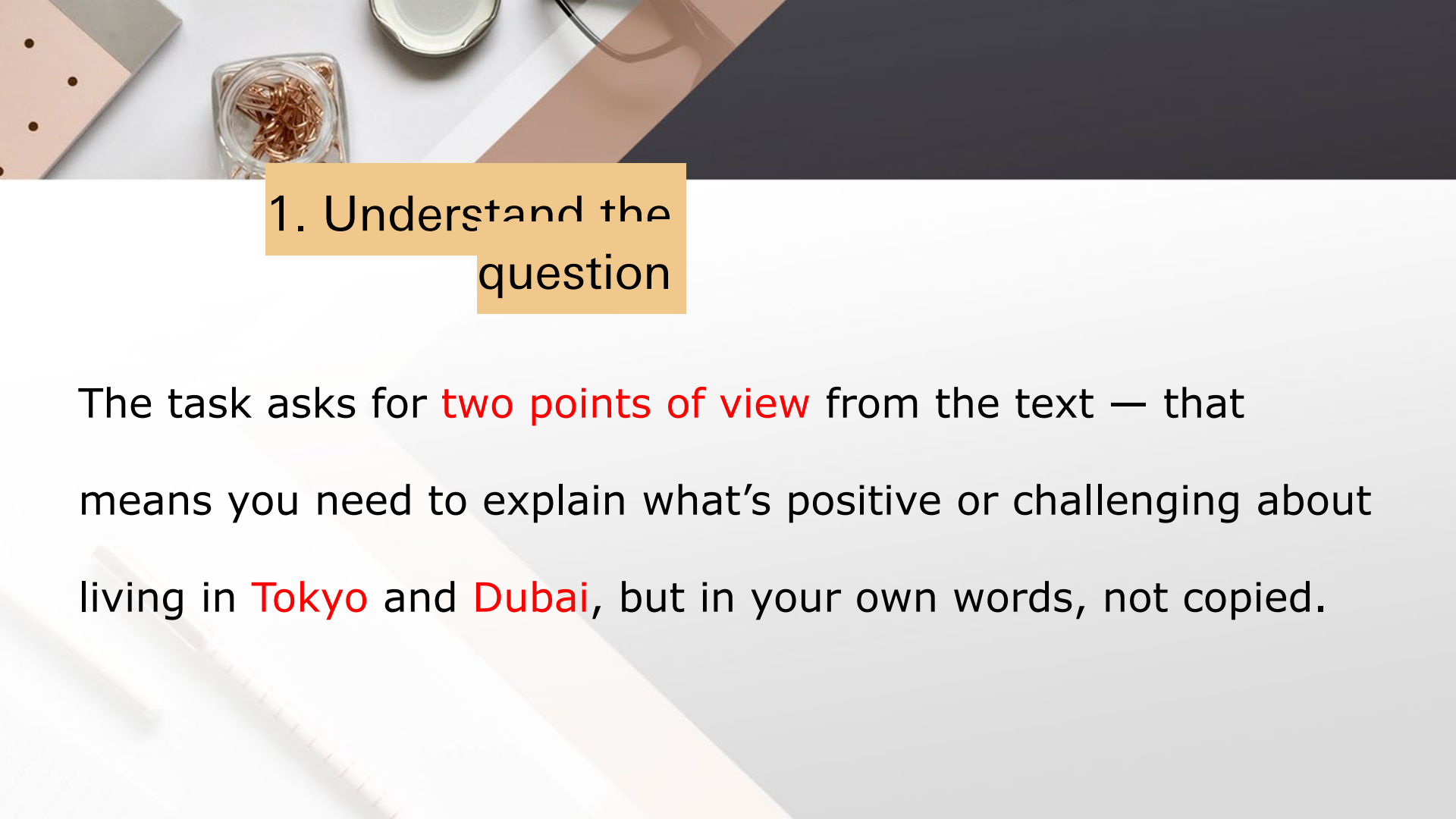
One text of 200 words related to theme that is structured on two thoughts organise a discussion of each aspect into separate paragraphs. One question asks what the two points of view presented in the text are in 4-5 sentences in your own words. (15 marks)

Question

1.1 Read the text. What are the two points of view presented in the text? Write them in your own words. Write at least 4-5 sentences.

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How to answer this question



1. Understand the question

The task asks for **two points of view** from the text — that means you need to explain what's positive or challenging about living in **Tokyo** and **Dubai**, but in your own words, not copied.

Living in Tokyo, Japan offers a fascinating mix of ancient tradition and modern innovation. Many people admire the country's strong sense of harmony, politeness, and community spirit. Public transport is reliable, streets are clean, and crime rates are low, which makes everyday life feel safe and organised. Residents often say that teamwork, discipline, and attention to detail are highly valued, helping everything run smoothly.

However, daily life can also be demanding. The culture expects people to work long hours, show respect in every situation, and follow social rules closely, which can sometimes limit personal freedom. The high cost of living and limited space in large cities may also challenge those who prefer a slower lifestyle or more privacy.

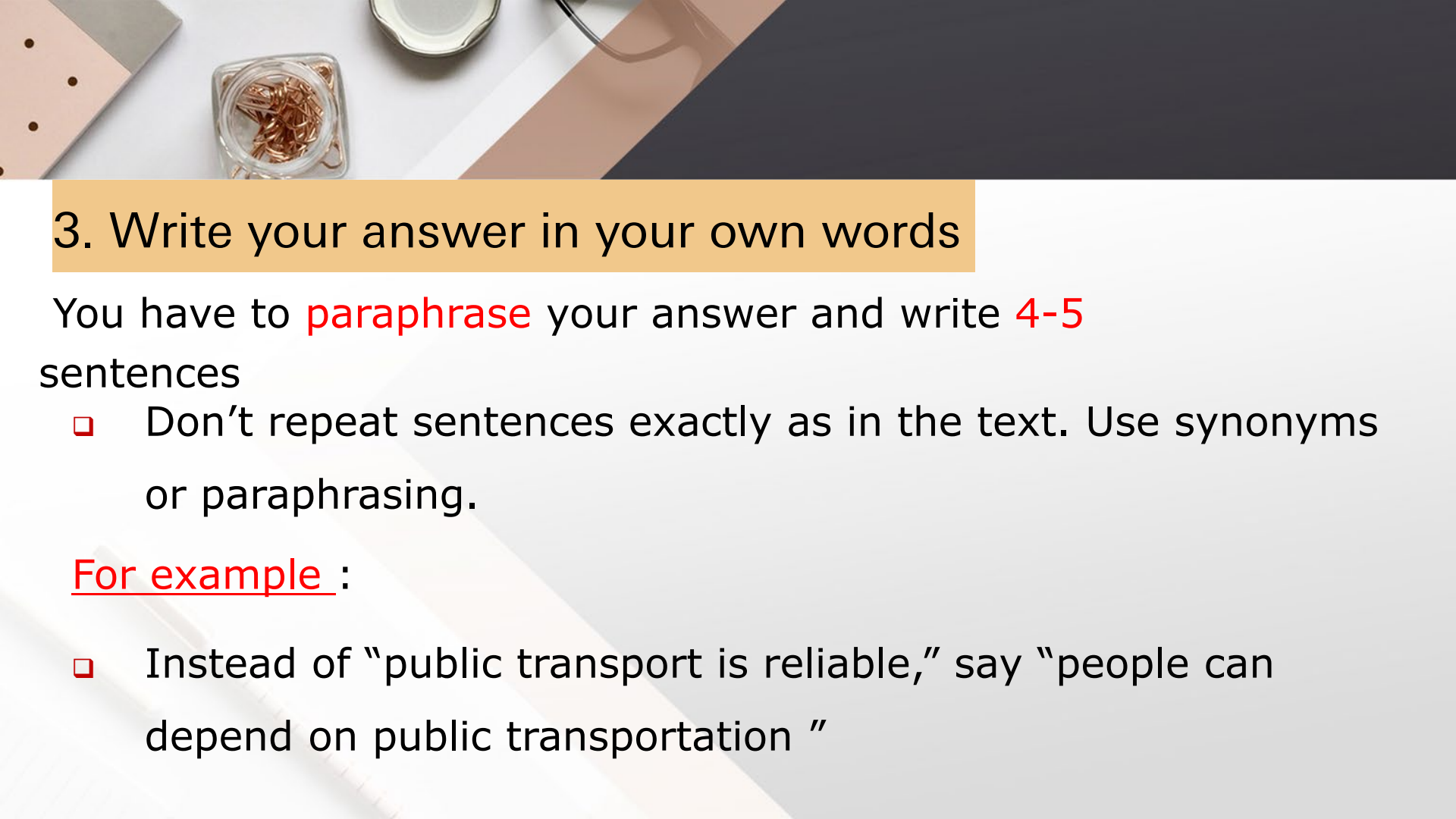
Dubai, in contrast, attracts people who value ambition, opportunity, and diversity. The city offers tax-free salaries, a strong economy, and a modern lifestyle supported by world-class facilities. Its warm climate and safe environment make it an appealing place for families and professionals alike. Dubai's multicultural society promotes respect and coexistence, allowing residents to experience different cultures, traditions, and cuisines every day. While the pace of life can be fast and the cost of living high, many appreciate how Dubai encourages innovation, progress, and success while preserving its cultural values and sense of community.

Both Tokyo and Dubai combine tradition with modern life in unique ways, offering rewarding experiences for people with different goals and lifestyles.



2. Identify key points in the text

- **Tokyo**: traditional and organized life, safety, respect, teamwork — but also strict rules, long work hours, and limited space.
- **Dubai**: modern, ambitious, diverse, offers opportunities — but fast-paced and expensive.



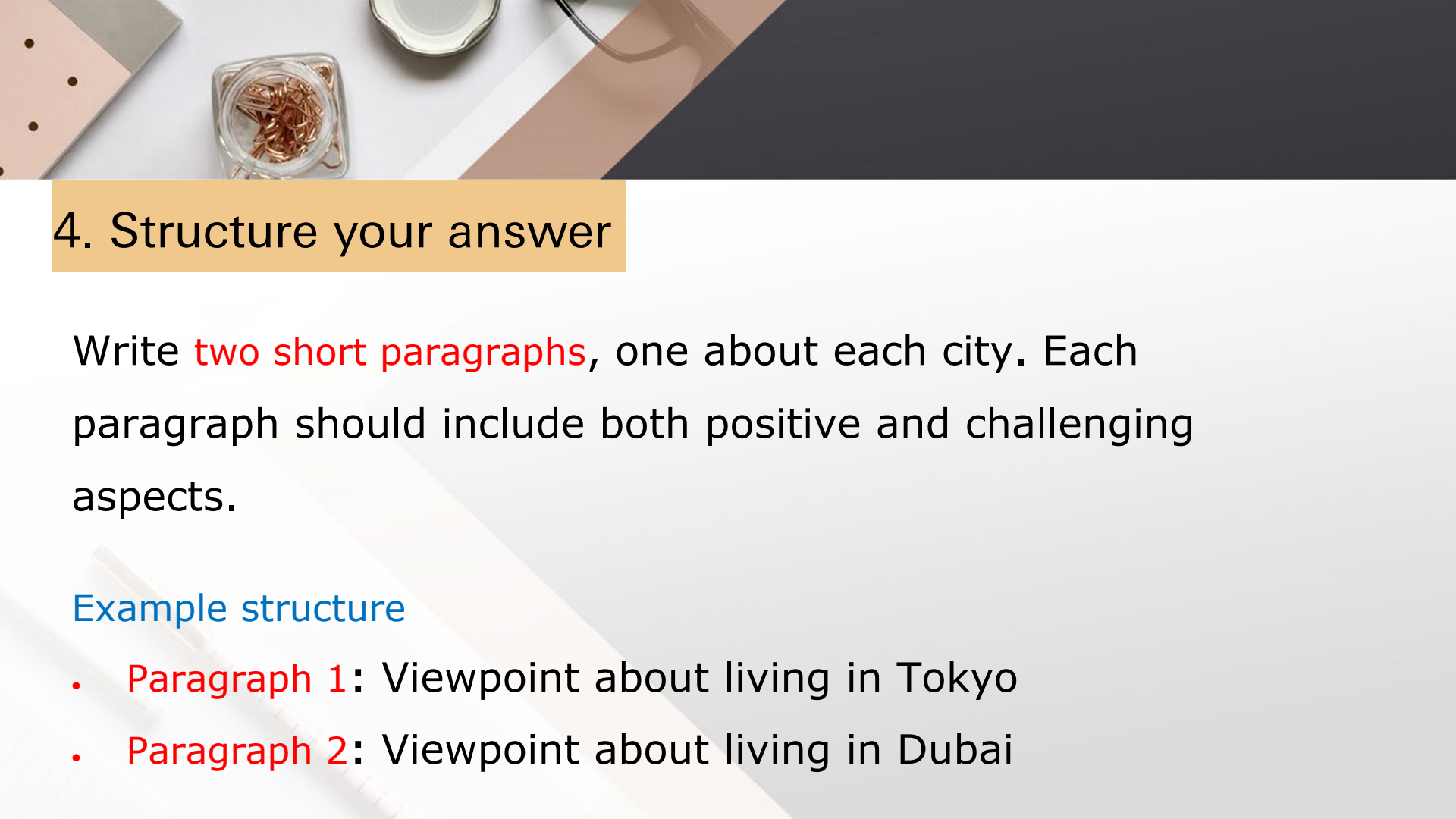
3. Write your answer in your own words

You have to **paraphrase** your answer and write **4-5** sentences

- ❑ Don't repeat sentences exactly as in the text. Use synonyms or paraphrasing.

For example :

- ❑ Instead of "public transport is reliable," say "people can depend on public transportation "



4. Structure your answer

Write **two short paragraphs**, one about each city. Each paragraph should include both positive and challenging aspects.

Example structure

- **Paragraph 1:** Viewpoint about living in Tokyo
- **Paragraph 2:** Viewpoint about living in Dubai



Some helpful phrases to use

🗨 Starting your answer

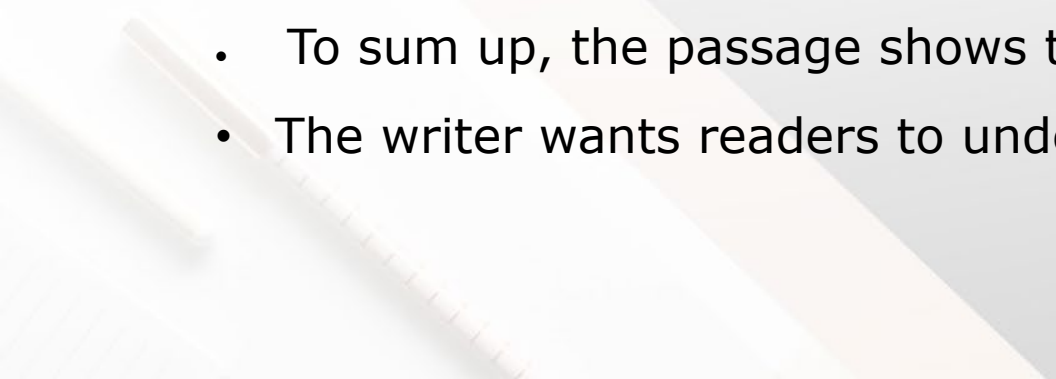
- The text is mainly about...
- This text discusses...
- The main idea of the text is that...
- In this passage, the writer explains...
- The passage focuses on...
- The writer talks about...

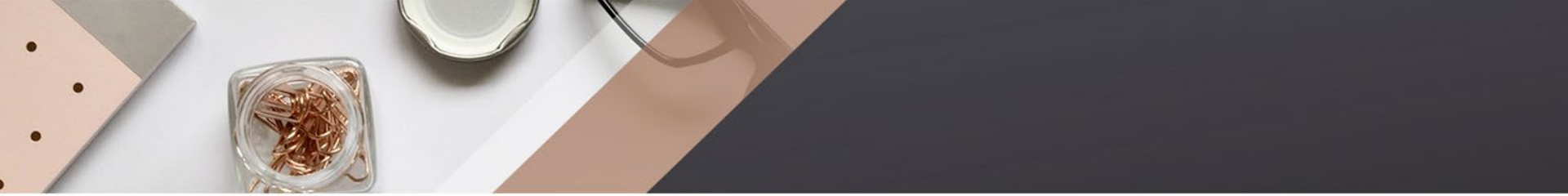
□ Adding supporting ideas

- It explains that...
- It also mentions that...
- The text gives examples of...
- The writer describes how...
- Another important point is that...
- In addition, the text shows that...

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Concluding or summarizing

- Overall, the text suggests that...
 - In conclusion, it highlights the importance of...
 - The main message is that...
 - To sum up, the passage shows that...
 - The writer wants readers to understand that...
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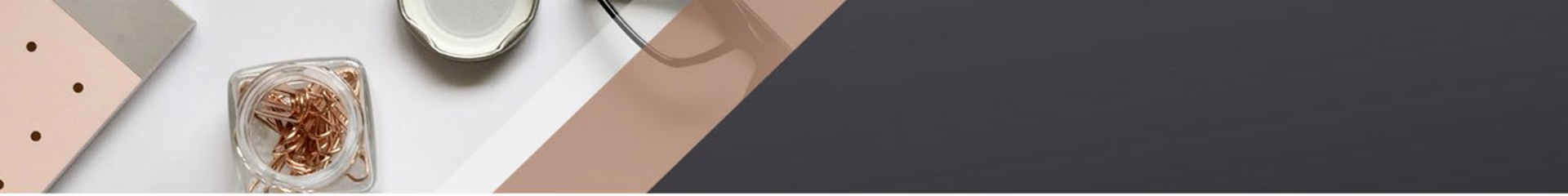


Model answer

Living in Tokyo offers a well-organized and respectful lifestyle where people value harmony, teamwork, and discipline. Daily life is safe and efficient, but the pressure to work long hours and follow strict social rules can make it tiring and limit personal freedom.

In contrast, Dubai provides a modern and dynamic environment with many opportunities for success. It values cultural diversity and offers comfort and safety, although the fast pace and high expenses can be challenging.

Both cities show how tradition and progress can exist together in different ways.



Practice

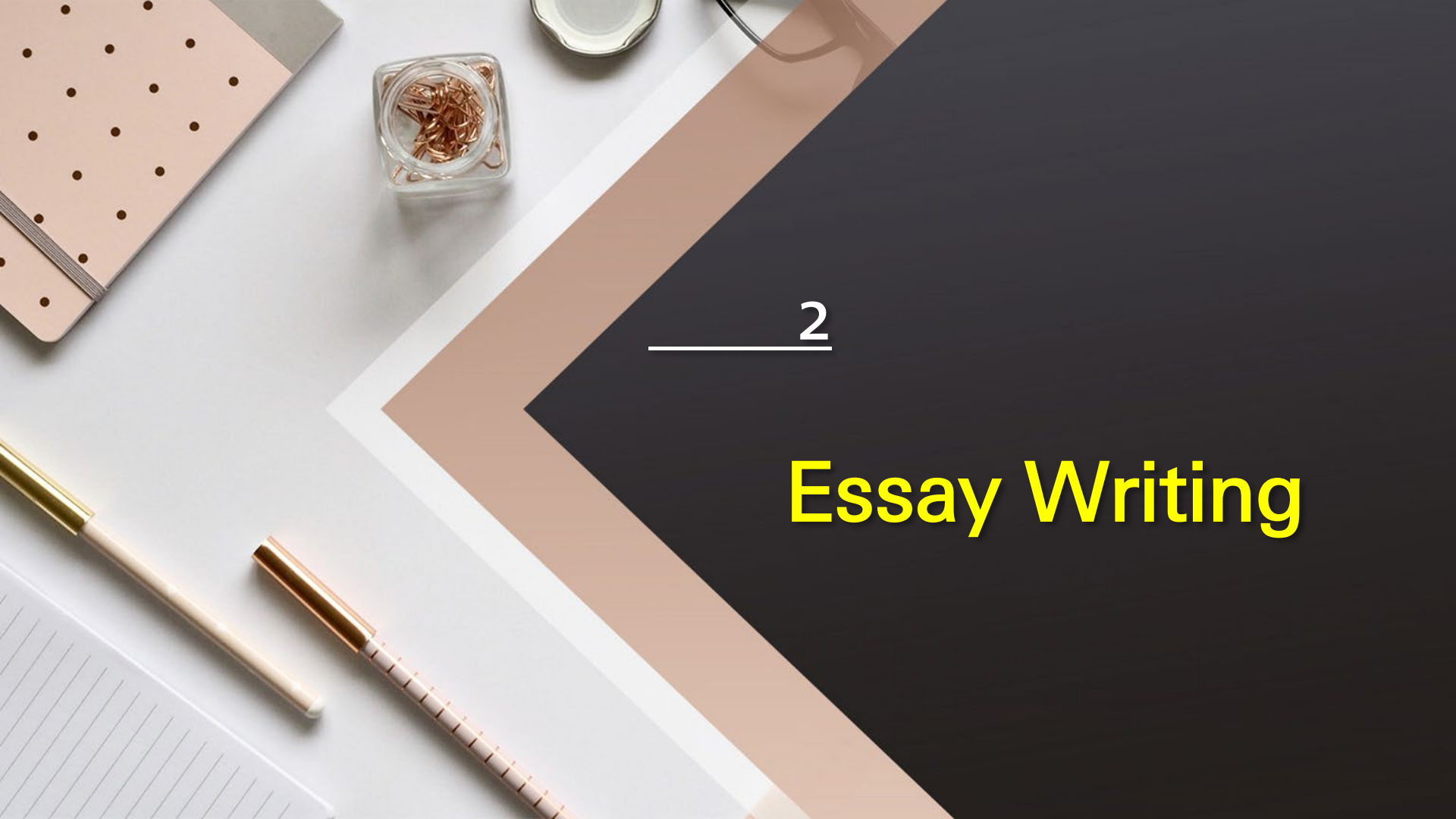
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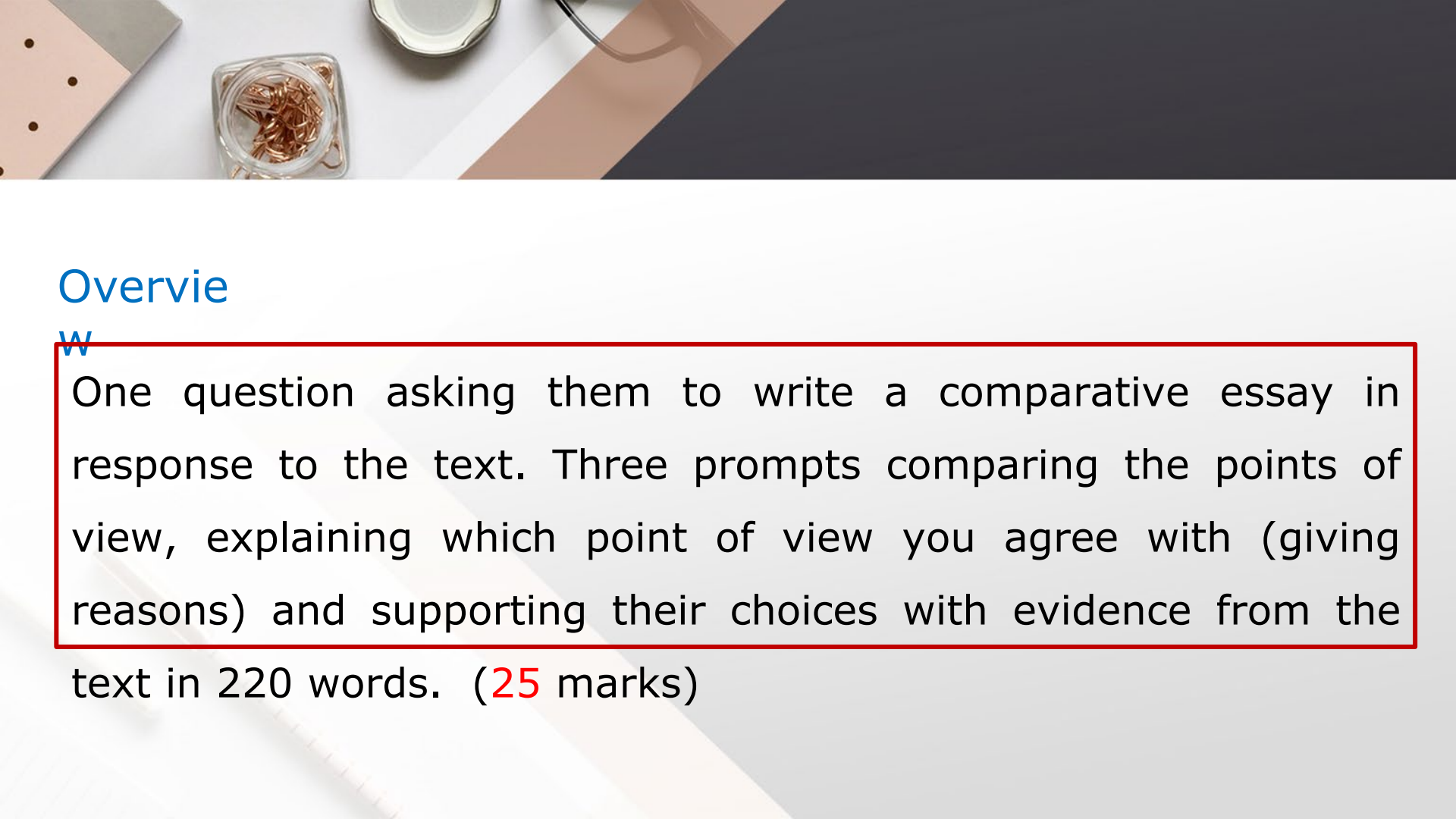
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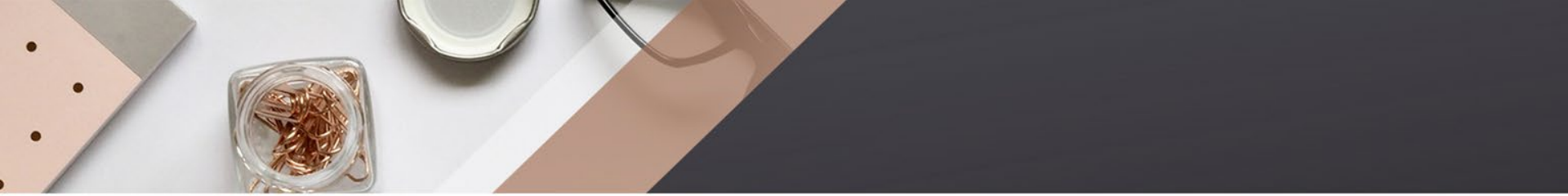
Essay Writing



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One question asking them to write a comparative essay in response to the text. Three prompts comparing the points of view, explaining which point of view you agree with (giving reasons) and supporting their choices with evidence from the text in 220 words. (25 marks)



Question

1.2 Read the text again. Now write a comparative essay in which you:

- Compare life in Tokyo and Dubai based on the ideas in the text
- Explain which lifestyle you would prefer and why
- Support your opinion with examples or details from the text

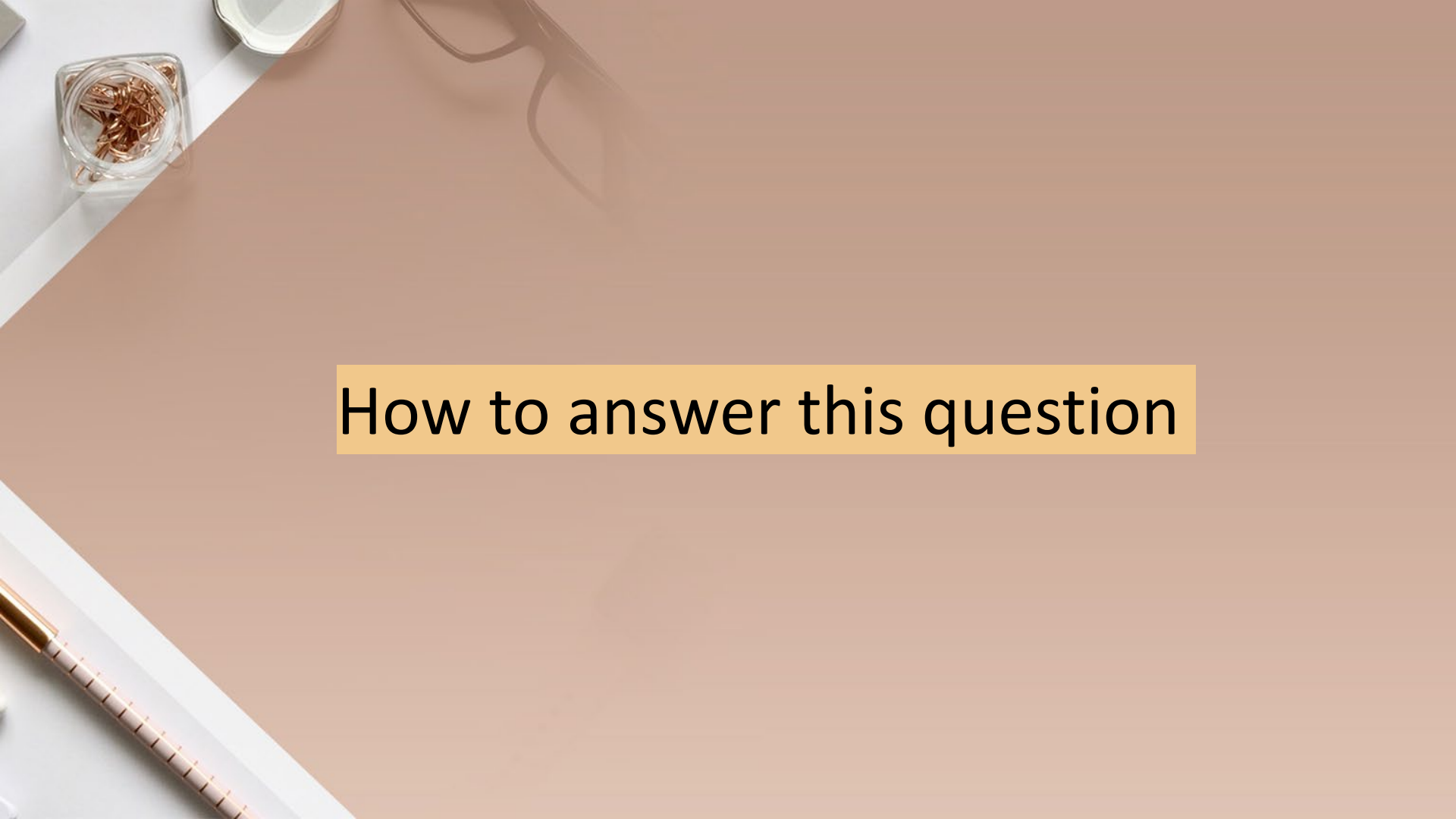
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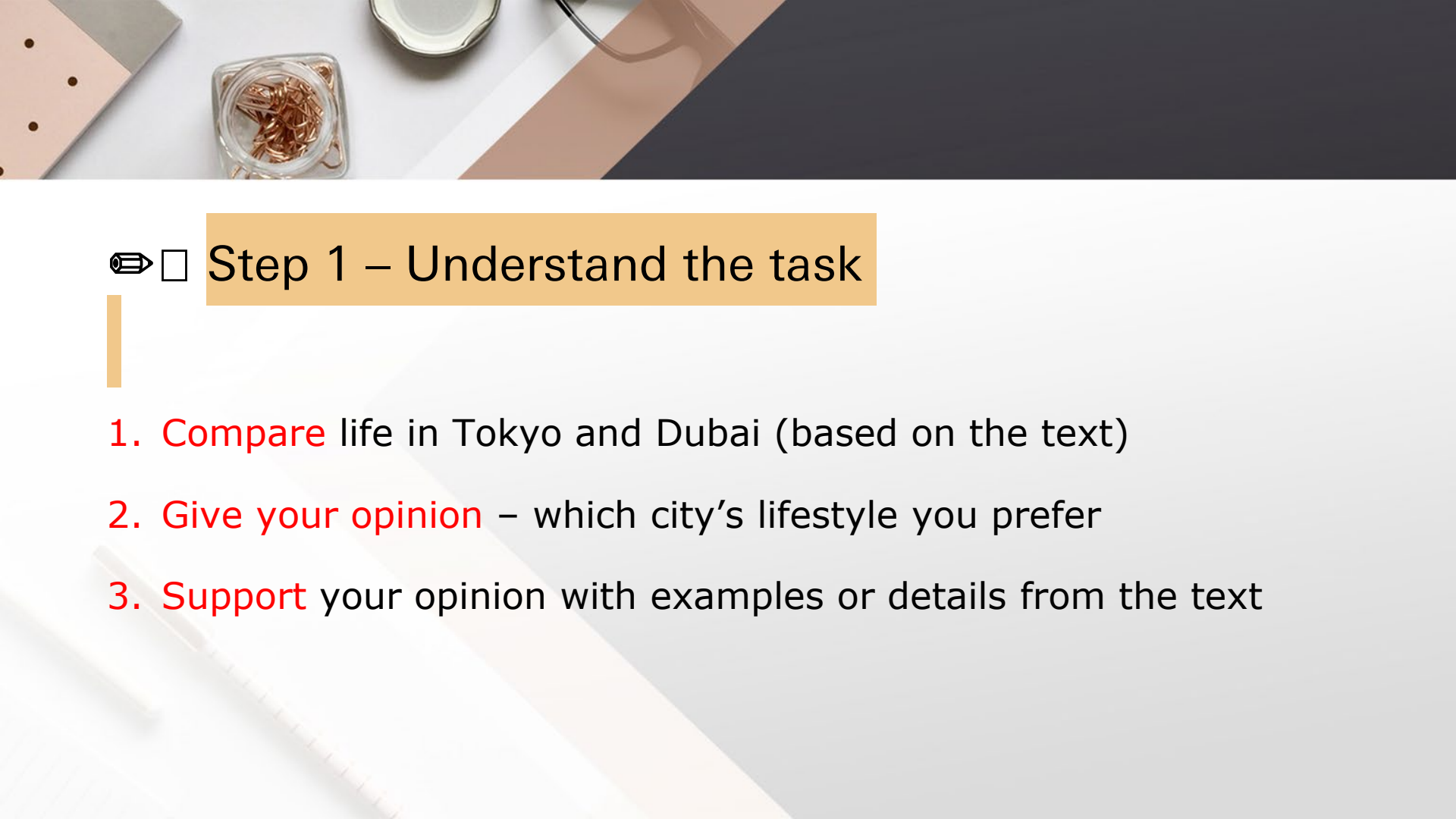
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How to answer this question



✎ □ Step 1 – Understand the task

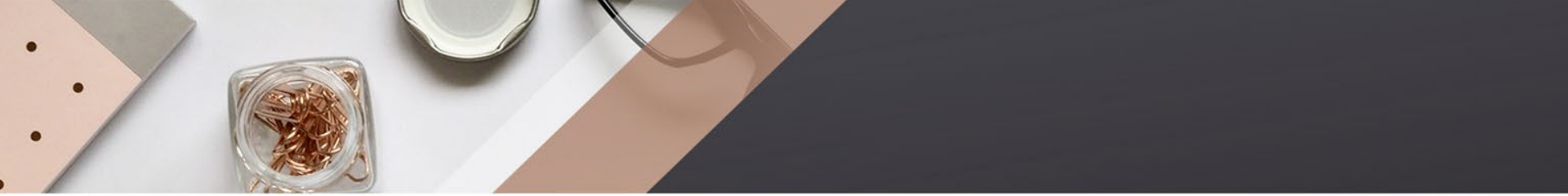
1. **Compare** life in Tokyo and Dubai (based on the text)
2. **Give your opinion** – which city's lifestyle you prefer
3. **Support** your opinion with examples or details from the text



💡 Step 2 – Plan your essay

Write in **four clear paragraphs**:

1. **Introduction** – Mention both cities and what the essay will compare.
2. **Paragraph 1** – Describe life in **Tokyo** (main features, pros and cons).
3. **Paragraph 2** – Describe life in **Dubai** (main features, pros and cons).



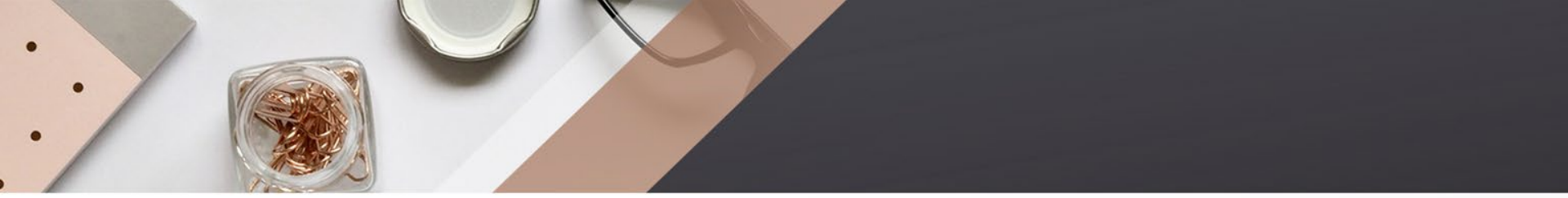
□ Step 3 – Use linking words

To compare and contrast :

- Similarly, both, in contrast, on the other hand, whereas, while, however, compared to

To express opinion:

- I believe that_____, In my opinion _____, I would prefer _____, The main reason why I would like to live in _____ is_____



Useful Phrases for this question

□ Starting your answer

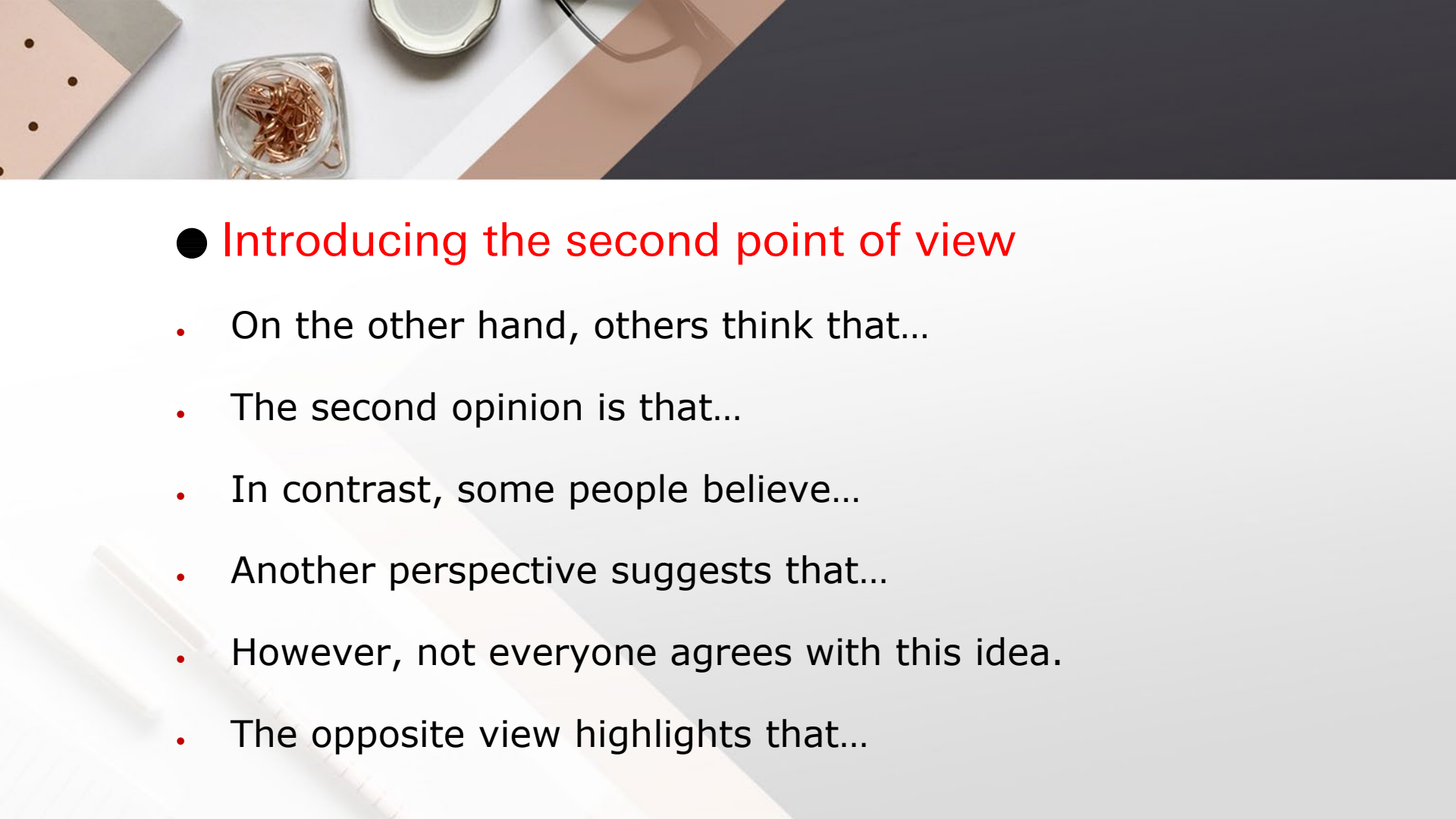
- The text presents two different points of view about...
- There are contrasting opinions on...
- The passage discusses both the advantages and disadvantages of...
- The writer explains two sides of the issue.

According to the text people have different perspectives on



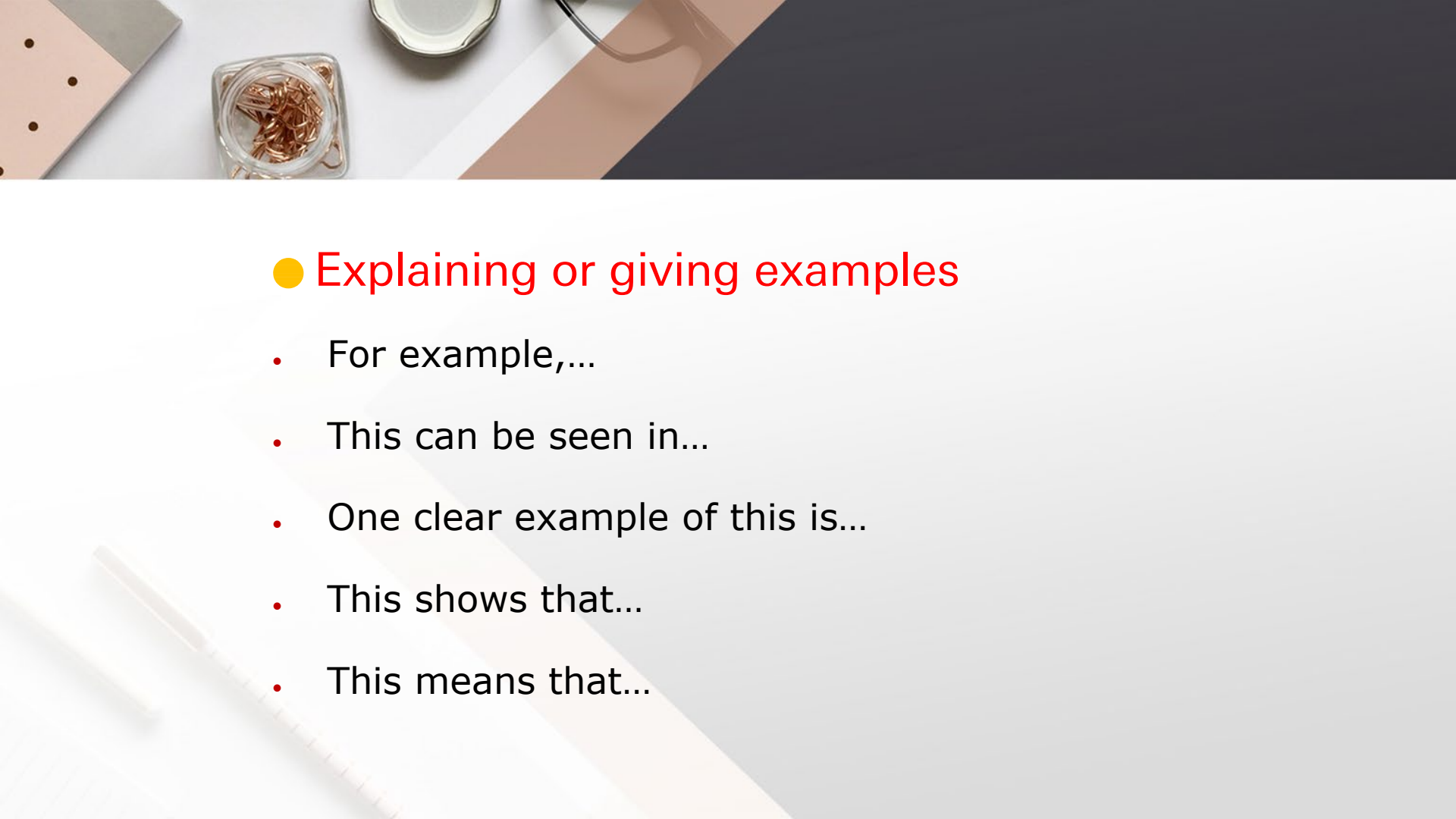
□ Introducing the first point of view

- One point of view is that...
- Some people believe that...
- The first perspective suggests that...
- It is argued that...
- Supporters of this view think that...
- This point of view focuses on...



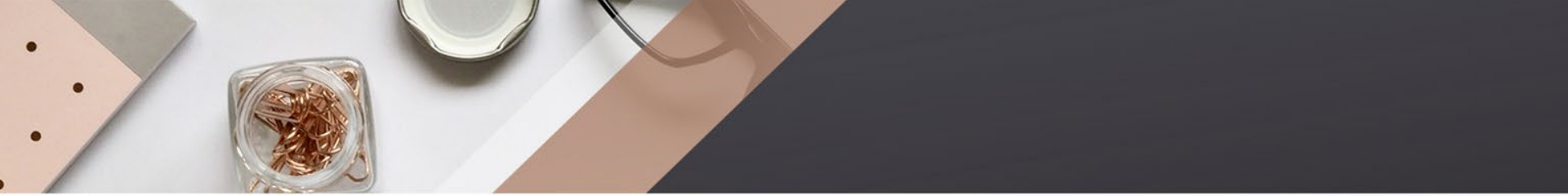
● Introducing the second point of view

- On the other hand, others think that...
- The second opinion is that...
- In contrast, some people believe...
- Another perspective suggests that...
- However, not everyone agrees with this idea.
- The opposite view highlights that...

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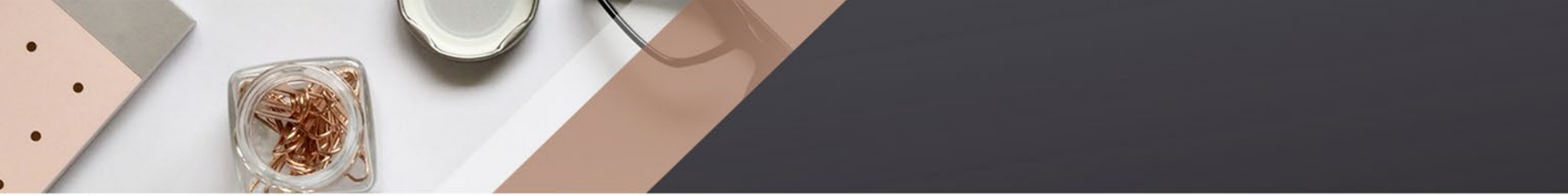
● Explaining or giving examples

- For example,...
- This can be seen in...
- One clear example of this is...
- This shows that...
- This means that...



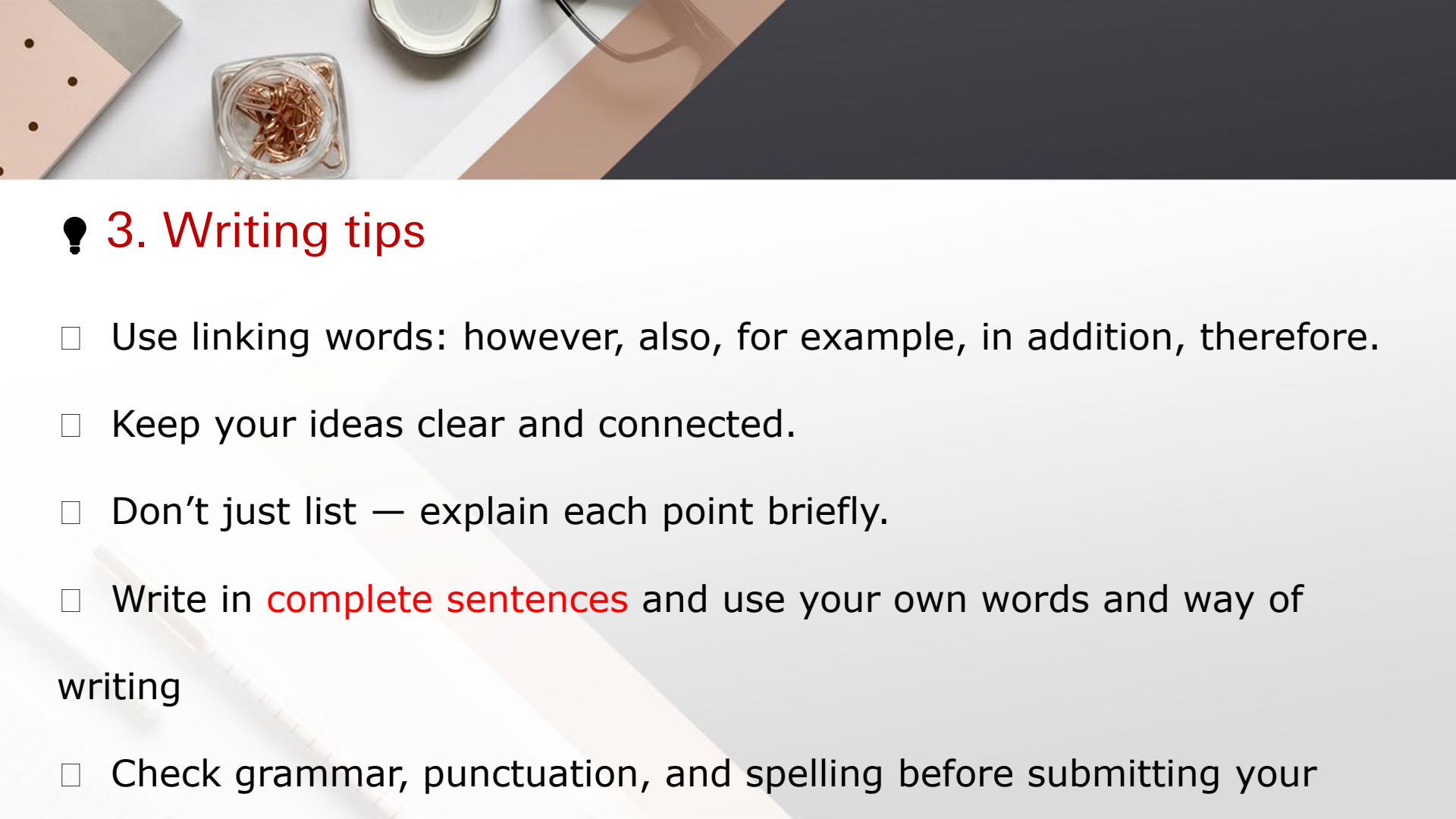
● Comparing and contrasting

- While some people prefer..., others think...
- In comparison,...
- Although both sides agree that..., they differ in...
- Both views have strong points, but they focus on different aspects.
- Whereas one side emphasizes..., the other highlights...



□ Summarizing or concluding

- Overall, both points of view have valid reasons.
- In conclusion, each side offers a different way of looking at the topic.
- The text shows that there are both positive and negative sides to this issue.
- Ultimately, it depends on personal opinion or situation.
- To sum up, both perspectives help us understand the topic more completely.



💡 3. Writing tips

- ❑ Use linking words: however, also, for example, in addition, therefore.
- ❑ Keep your ideas clear and connected.
- ❑ Don't just list — explain each point briefly.
- ❑ Write in **complete sentences** and use your own words and way of writing
- ❑ Check grammar, punctuation, and spelling before submitting your

💡 Model answer

Living in both Tokyo and Dubai offers a balance between tradition and modern life, but each city provides a very different lifestyle. The text highlights how both cities integrate strong cultural values with modern comforts, despite their diverse daily experiences and expectations.

Life in Tokyo is described as organized, respectful, and efficient. People in Japan value harmony, teamwork, and discipline, which makes society run smoothly. Public transport is reliable, streets are clean, and the environment feels safe. However, this lifestyle can also be demanding. The culture expects people to work long hours, follow many social rules, and live in limited space, which may feel stressful for some.

In Dubai, life is more dynamic and focused on ambition and opportunity. The city attracts people from many countries who appreciate its safety, diversity, and modern lifestyle. Residents enjoy tax-free income, advanced facilities, and a strong economy. Yet, the fast pace and high cost of living can be challenging for some individuals.

Personally, I would prefer living in Dubai because it offers more freedom and multicultural experiences. I like how it encourages innovation and brings people from different backgrounds together. While Tokyo's discipline is admirable, I find Dubai's openness and energy more appealing for a balanced, exciting lifestyle.



Practice

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