

AE Academic English UK Students

Academic Writing



Paragraph Writing: Quotations

Ecocities

EXAMPLE

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Writing Exercise: Paraphrasing EXAMPLE

Topic: Ecocities

Task 1: Introduction

Do some research and take some notes on the following:

1. What is an ecocity? Write a definition of 'ecocity'.
2. How are [redacted]?
3. Write down the reasons for and against building ecocities (you can do some internet research here).
4. Decide [redacted]. Are you [redacted]? Why?

Put your notes here:

Task 2: Quotations EXAMPLE

Read through these ten quotations and choose three quotations to answer the question:

'The [redacted] against'.

1. 'Faced with unprecedented challenges of climate change; terrorism; environmental degradation; instability of economic markets; demographic shifts; increasing social inequality; crumbling infrastructure; and other factors, cities that prospered in the 19th and 20th centuries are now being stretched to their physical and social limits. Eco-cities have emerged as a solution to these crises' (LSE, 2015).
2. 'Each and every place is unique – its [redacted], its history, its [redacted] – making it difficult to have a single typology [redacted] of the ecocity' (Hes, 2020).
3. '[redacted] increasing. [redacted] modern, sustainable cities' (Global Goals, 2024).
4. 'Many cities claim to be ecological cities, [redacted] of [redacted] made to measure to what extent the cities have achieved their goal' (van Dijk, 2015).
5. '[It is] [redacted] the [redacted] properly, doing all those things that people fairly quickly come to nowadays, it [is] more about [redacted] in the [redacted] drive ecological or sustainable development into the future' (Downton, as reported by Urban Ecology Australia, 2021).
6. 'Changes in the [redacted]' (van Dijk, 2015).
7. 'These strategies are carefully choreographed to function as [redacted] of energy, [redacted] optimised' (LSE, 2015).
8. 'Diversity, difference, and debate – the very [redacted] – are swept [redacted] and functionality' (LSE, 2015).
9. 'Substantially increase the number of cities [redacted] and [redacted] towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to [redacted], in line with [redacted] Reduction 2015–2030, holistic [redacted] management' (Global Goals, 2024).
10. 'Eco-cities are advertised as being [redacted] almost exclusively by [redacted] the competitive global economy. Eco-cities [redacted] as engines of global capitalism' (LSE, 2015).

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Task 3: Paragraph writing **EXAMPLE**

Write a paragraph (approx. 120-180 words) on the title '[REDACTED]'. Use Harvard in-text citations and appropriate paraphrasing.

'The [REDACTED] *against'*.

Word Count: _____

Don't use AI / translation software to write your paragraph. Please write it by yourself so we can help improve your writing.

Task 4: Review / Editing EXAMPLE

Use this table to check your paragraph:

Paragraph Review Form

Includes links to information pages on specific writing conventions

	Yes	No
Do you have a clear topic sentence? Go here: topic sentences		
Is [redacted] (your stance?)		
Are your ideas [redacted] (quotations)? Go here: examples		
Have you used three quotes in the paragraph?		
Have [redacted] effectively? Go here: paraphrasing		
Have you [redacted] sources effectively ([redacted])? Go here: synthesis		
Have you used a range of [redacted]? Go here: reporting verbs		
Is the [redacted] (name + date)? Go here: Harvard referencing		
Are there [redacted] (in addition, furthermore, however, in contrast, etc..). Go here: cohesion		
Have you followed the [redacted]? Go here: academic style		
Is there a [redacted] sentence?		
Is the paragraph the correct word count (120 -180 words)?		

Task 5: Paragraph Writing Tutorial (optional) EXAMPLE

Copy and paste your paragraph into the form on the [lesson webpage](#) and submit.

Your paragraph will be checked by academic tutors. We will look at task, grammar, vocabulary, cohesion, referencing and coherence. We will give you valuable feedback to improve your writing skills quickly. It will take approximately 1-2 days to return the paragraph back to you. This service costs £20 (see [lesson webpage](#) for details).

Task 6: Sample Paragraph EXAMPLE

Check your paragraph to this sample answer.

Sample Answer

The reasons for building more ecocities mainly lie in response to how urban areas have changed due to the impacts [REDACTED]. Cities which are more [REDACTED] necessary for several reasons. Firstly, changes [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] being [REDACTED] their limits and unable to [REDACTED] es there (Global Goals, 2024 [REDACTED], impacts of climate [REDACTED] how cities maintain overall living [REDACTED] instance, the [REDACTED] (LSE, 2015). Thus, [REDACTED] (cited by Urban Ecology Australia, 2021) claims, [REDACTED] the effects of the [REDACTED] community values [REDACTED] in the facilitation of [REDACTED] for several [REDACTED] come.

144 words

Task 7: Sample Paragraph Questions EXAMPLE

Answer these questions about the sample paragraph above.

- 1) Is there a topic sentence? What is the topic? What is/are the controlling ideas?
- 2) Is there a main argument?
- 3) Which [REDACTED]?
- 4) Is it logical and clear? How has the paragraph been organised?
- 5) Is there [REDACTED]?
- 6) Is there a concluding sentence? What is concluded?
- 7) How are [REDACTED] incorporated?

Task 8: Sample Paragraph Answers **EXAMPLE**

Check your responses to these answers.

1) Is there a topic sentence? What is the topic? What is/are the controlling ideas?

Yes. Topic: Building ecocities. Controlling ideas: The environment and population.

ALL ANSWERS INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...