

AE Academic English UK Students

Academic Writing



Paragraph Writing: Quotations

Generation Gap

EXAMPLE

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Writing Exercise: Paraphrasing EXAMPLE

Topic: The Generation Gap

Task 1: Introduction

Do some research and take some notes on the following:

1. What is a generation gap? Write a definition of 'a generation gap'.
2. How [redacted] gap?
3. Write down the problems and solutions of generation gaps (you can do some internet research here).
4. Decide [redacted]. Are [redacted] future of generational gaps? Why?

Put your notes here:

Task 2: Quotations EXAMPLE

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

'The problems [redacted] solutions'.

1. *'Nearly eight in ten Americans aged 18–29 compared with six in ten of those aged 65 and older are concerned about global warming, according to a Gallup survey, in part because older people are much less likely than the young to believe climate change is caused by human activity' (Stokes, 2021).*
2. *'We [redacted] consciously [redacted] where climate [redacted] concerned' (Lloyd, 2021).*
3. *'Older [redacted] surging energy costs this winter but younger households are more at risk of being unable to pay [redacted] the [redacted] crisis' (Wood, 2022).*
4. *'Fashioning [redacted] for and directed towards older people, particularly given that older people are most at risk [redacted] warming' (Lloyd, 2021).*
5. *'[redacted] can lead to mistrust, [redacted] solutions' (Gardner and Roberson, 2022).*
6. *'Leaders [redacted] and generational differences through fostering a shared sense of purpose in workshop sessions, [redacted], and [redacted] and sustaining a reverse mentoring program' (Gardner and Roberson, 2022).*
7. *'Their earnings are lower, their rents are higher [redacted] on which they [redacted] while triple-locked pensions rise [redacted]' (Toynbee, 2023).*
8. *'Suggested remedies [redacted] reforming regressive council tax to make expensive properties pay their share and a surcharge on [redacted] have [redacted] with no zero-hours clauses' (Toynbee, 2023).*
9. *'While older households face a [redacted] who have endured [redacted] and high rents, who will struggle most to cope' (Wood, 2022).*
10. *'When the social contract between generations is broken, [redacted] wealth [redacted], it is for governments to redress' (Toynbee, 2023).*

References

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Task 3: Paragraph writing **EXAMPLE**

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

'The [redacted] the solutions'.

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 generation gap, when generations differ in their beliefs, values, and outlook, can also be [redacted] Younger generations, such as [redacted] and Generation Z, are believed [redacted]. Causes of this generational wealth gap [redacted], slow wage [redacted] loans, and exorbitant rental fees compared to previous generations (Wood, 2022; Toynbee, 2023). [redacted], baby boomers, [redacted] [redacted] in line with inflation (Toynbee, 2023), and are more likely to own [redacted] of their own. Thus, as [redacted] never-ending cost-of-living crisis, although [redacted] an increase in their [redacted] due to [redacted] time at home, [redacted] generations will be unable [redacted] amongst others, [redacted] to incurring further debt (Wood, 2022). Overall, it seems [redacted] that this generational [redacted]

176 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: Generational wealth gap. Controlling ideas: Causes and effects of unequal wealth distribution.

ALL ANSWERS INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...