

## WRITING PART 2 ESSAY SAMPLE ANSWER 1

You recently had a discussion in class about going abroad to improve your English. Your teacher has asked you to write a composition giving your opinions on the following question:

*What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?*

Write your composition in **140-190** words in an appropriate style.

### My Essay Plan (made in about 5 minutes!)

Introduction	In recent years it's a fashion. Is it effective?
Paragraph 1 Advantages	Au pairs with a family. Working and going to classes
Paragraph 2 Disadvantages Drawbacks.	Bad family. Native speakers. Expensive.
Conclusion	Choose the right place and family. Avoid speaking your own language.

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## MY ANSWER

What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?

**In recent years** studying English in Britain or the U.S.A **seems to be** the latest fashion for students who hope to improve their language skills. **According to** tour operators, it is the quickest and most effective way of learning. Whether this is true **remains to be seen**.

Living with an English speaking family as an au pair or doing a summer job are **currently** the most popular choices. Older students generally prefer to stay with a family **while** attending 'intensive' English courses at a language school. In theory, this means speaking English 24 hours a day.

**It could be argued, however**, that looking after children can actually be stressful and even a negative experience unless you stay with the right family. **Although** going to classes will obviously improve your level, in many schools you may meet people from your own country and end up communicating in your mother tongue.

**In conclusion, therefore, it could be said that** studying abroad is only a good option if you avoid mixing with people of your own nationality. Language courses can be expensive and living with the wrong family could be a serious mistake.

## NOTES

- Think for a few minutes and make a simple plan. It will save time later
- You only need a couple of ideas for each argument in paragraphs 1 + 2
- Expressions used for style are in bold print
- Note the use of passive to express opinions indirectly (scientifically!)