

Target 3—Determining the Task

ACADEMIC WRITING

There are two principle tasks in the Academic Writing module. In Task 1 you will be asked to describe something and in Task 2 you will be asked to make an argument and support your opinion.

Look at the following examples.

Task 1—Describe Something

Example

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The chart below shows the results of a survey that sampled a cross section of travelers at a major metropolitan airport about the purpose of their trip. The survey was carried out during four different months in 2002.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

Purpose of Travel

	March 2002	June 2002	September 2002	December 2002
Business	73%	29%	53%	34%
Holiday	18%	54%	31%	35%
Visit family	6%	13%	11%	26%
Other	3%	4%	5%	5%

Task 2—Support Your Opinion

Example

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Most schools offer some type of physical education program to their students. Why is physical education important? Should physical education classes be required or optional?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.