

Writing a Response to a Short Writing Task

1. Actually read and understand the prompt. Are there words that you don't understand? If so, you will have to use the context of the word to make sense of it.
2. Pull the question apart to make sure you understand what must be in your answer.

Identify an important environmental issue. Use specific details to explain why it's important.

There are three things that you need to answer:

- A. I need to give an example of an important environmental issue.
 - B. I need to give specific examples or facts that relate to the issue I chose.
 - C. I have why the environmental issue is important.
3. Plan your answer.

An important environmental issue is the use of fossil fuels to power houses and vehicles.

(I know about fossil fuels from geography class in grade 9).

Fossil fuels are a cause of global warming which is harmful to Earth. Also, fossil fuels, such as coal or oil are in limited supply.

(I provided specific examples of fossil fuels - coal and oil - and I described that global warming is harmful to the planet).

If we continue to use fossil fuels, we will continue to harm the earth and its atmosphere and we won't spend enough time and energy developing alternative ways to power our homes and our cars.

(I explain the importance of getting away from using fossil fuels and finding alternative sources of energy).

4. Compare your answer to the prompt. Have you answered exactly what the prompt asked?