

What makes a great B2 essay?

Compare these two versions of the same essay. How has the student improved the second one? Why do you think they did this?

Your introduction needs to paraphrase the question and explain the purpose of the essay. This first sentence is difficult to understand.

Is this really true? Are animals in danger or is only a superstition? It is logical to think that sets of people such as "Greenpeace" accused us of endangering the lives of many animals because our level of pollution is really high, so we are destroying its ecosystem.



Don't include information in the introduction which is not relevant to the essay.

There are lots of creatures under threat and others are extinguished like the Tasmania tiger or the monk seal, both have disappeared because humans had been hunting them over the years. Besides this, there are around 5200 animals near its extinction like the Iberian lynx or the Grizzly bear.

Remember that *collocation* is really important at B2 level. Make sure you use a variety of ambitious B2 grammar and vocabulary.

In addition to this, we have to protect the animals' lives for different reasons. The main reason is because the animal life offers natural services for the human like medicines, food and natural environment.

However, there are lots of methods to protect them. You can't do anything big to change it but you should do it in your day by day, such as keeping out and feeding your pet well or carrying them to the vet.

Think about what the target reader expects. This second sentence doesn't fit the topic sentence.

On balance, I would say that we are not doing enough to safeguard the animals so we have to start to do whatever we can to preserve and definitely not to destroy our wildlife.

Greenpeace recently announced that more animals than ever are endangered, but what can be done to safeguard these important species? This essay outlines some important issues to think about for this question of protecting the environment.

It can be good to have a rhetorical question in the introduction to engage the target reader.

A good topic sentence introduces the theme of the paragraph.

There are lots of creatures which are under threat or have already become extinct. The monk seal and the Tasmanian tiger are two species that no longer walk the earth because of hunting. Besides this, there are around 5200 animals near extinction like the Iberian lynx or the Grizzly bear.

At B2, you are expected to use linking words and phrases at the start of sentences and paragraphs.

A paragraph should have three sentences: topic, explanation, and example. It's okay if you write more than 190 words!

In addition to this, we rely on a variety of species to keep a balance in nature. Animal life offers natural services for humans like medicine and food supplies, whilst the bees are essential for keeping plants alive. We must protect these animals to help the environment.

However, there are lots of methods to protect them. We can grow plants at home to encourage birds and bees to nest near us. We should also reduce the amount of meat that we eat, and support charities which look after the environment.

Make sure that your own idea is different from the other two ideas in the essay question!

Remember to include a simple conclusion.

On balance, I would say that we are not doing enough to safeguard the animals. We must begin to action to do whatever we can to preserve rather than destroy our wildlife.

