

TEST 1, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 5.5** score.

In some countries, owning a home rather than renting one is very important for people.

So we can ask why might this be the case?

In the goal to answer at this question we will describe the advantages and disadvantages to have each accomodation and maybe after that we should have an idea on why these persons prefer living in a accomadation bought.

First of all, renting a house or an apartment is interesting. Normally we do it when we start to become independent from our parents. The price used to be cheap and if it's not good there is the possibility to change accommodation. However if you didn't extend the contract before the deadline you have to change for another one. Because it is not your house or your apartment you have to take care to the furniture, items, etc... There are as well the possibility to have some rules that you have to follow if you don't want to pay a penalty. Currently, in my home I have 2 cameras and a lot of rules so I have to pay attention to my behaviour.

Owning a home is very different. First, you feel in security because you are the boss in your house and you don't have to pay if you forget to clear the dishes for example. Maybe with this accomodation you can get a job easier and you can receive some help from the government. Peoples in some countries who prefer live in this kind of accomodation because it is one of the 3 goals of the being human with get a good job, find love. However it's expensive.

Here is the examiner's comment:

The writer's views about renting a house or apartment are interesting but not relevant to the question asked. The paragraph focusing on why it is important to own your home is relevant, but could be further developed. The candidate has not addressed the question of whether home ownership is a positive or negative development, which is a weakness in the answer. Organisation is clear, however, and there is evidence of the use of cohesive devices, in spite of an error [*In the goal to answer at this question | after that | First of all | However | Currently | First*]. The range of vocabulary is somewhat limited (because of the relatively short response to the task) but is generally adequate [*you are the boss in your house | one of the 3 goals of the being human*], in spite of the various mis-spellings of *accommodation*. There are occasional errors [*in security / secure | Peoples / people | prefer live / prefer to live*] but the meaning is still clear. The range of grammatical structures shows both simple and complex structures: again there are some errors but the meaning is generally clear [*There are as well the possibility to have / There may also be | get a job easier / more easily*].