Thinking about Writing

Below is an example set of materials. However, these techniques can be used for almost any type of writing.

Task 1 – Brainstorming

**Question:** It is better to live in a city than the countryside. Discuss.

On the board:

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<th>City</th>
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<td>Advantages</td>
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**Note:** Sometime the advantages for one will be a disadvantage for the other.

Task 2 – Speed writing

You now have 15 minutes to write your answer to the question:

**Question:** It is better to live in a city than the countryside. Discuss.

- Don’t stop writing.
- Don’t worry about mistakes.
- Leave a blank space ________________ if you don’t know a word or a phrase, or write it in your own language.

.. the countryside is much ________ than the city …
Task 3 – Loop writing.

- Now use the information, and sentences, you have written in your speed-writing to write a final text.

- Which sentences, or ideas, should be included in the first paragraph?

- Write the first paragraph.

- Now write one sentence that summarises the first paragraph.

- Start the second paragraph with this sentence.

- Which other sentences, or ideas, from your speed writing should be included in the second paragraph?

- Write the second paragraph.

- Now write one sentence that summarises the second paragraph.

- Start the third paragraph with this sentence.

- Continue the process until you have finished.

**Question:** It is better to live in a city than the countryside. Discuss.

**Answer:**