

Writing and Answering Extended Response Questions

Academic English

Extended Responses

- Some questions require more than a one word answer.
- These questions are designed to test your ability to give supported answers with details.
- Extended response answers are written in complete sentences.
- These answers contain the question in the response.

Example

- Q: What is the best season of the year? Give details and explain your response.
- Poor Answer: summer
- Good Answer: The best season of the year is summer. Summer has the most opportunity to do fun things. You can go swimming and go on hikes. It is sunny and bright and the days are long. Summer is the best time to see outdoor concerts. Summer is the only season in which you can be outside all day.

Practice

- Share with a neighbor. Answer the following question with an extended response:
- What did you do this weekend?

Writing Extended Response Questions

- To write a good extended response question you need to make sure your question allows for a full response.
- It is a good idea to use ‘why’ and ‘how’ to ensure that the response will be detailed and complete
- Practice: Share an example with a neighbor of a good extended response question about food.

Assignment: Writing Questions

- Select a story of at least 4 pages from any of our textbooks.
- Read it.
- Pretend you are the teacher. Write 6 good questions about the story that require an extended response. Be sure your questions demand a full answer.
- You do not have to answer the questions, but they must be of your own creation.