## Living Alone Essay

In this **living alone essay**, you have to examine the trend for more people to live by themselves rather than other people.

IELTS essay questions tend to deal with current topics that are being debated and discussed, and this is a good example of this.

It is another representation of the general trend towards individualism in society.

Remember you should start by examining the question very carefully.

**In recent times, many people are making the decision to live alone.   
  
What are the causes of this?   
  
Does it have positive or negatives effects on society?**

You should first note that there are two tasks that need to be addressed:

1. The causes
2. The negative / positive impacts on ***society***

You must address all these things.

You should also have noted that it says **effects on society**. So you should not be talking about impacts on the individual (or if you do, you should explain how it will then impact society).

You could do three body paragraphs in the living alone essay - one on the causes, one on the positive effects and one on the negative. Or you could just split it into two body paragraphs.

However, you don't have to write about positive **and** negative effects if you don't want to. It says negative **or** positive, so you could decide it is one or the other.

You should make those decisions after you have **brainstormed your ideas**. If you can only think of negative effects then fine, just write about those and make sure your opinion states that.

Now, take a look at the model answer. In the model, positive and negative effects are discussed, so the opinon is that there are both.

### Comments

This living alone essay would receive a high IELTS score.

It is well structured. Paragraphing is appropriate, with an introduction, conclusion, and two body paragraphs, each one tackling a diffferent part of the question.

The [task](http://www.ieltsbuddy.com/identify-the-task.html) is fully addressed as well, as the essay discusses both the causes and the impacts on society. The topic sentence in the second body paragraph makes it clear what the view of the author is, as does the thesis in the introduction.

There is also a good mix of topic relevant [vocabulary](http://www.ieltsbuddy.com/ielts-vocabulary.html) and [complex sentences](http://www.ieltsbuddy.com/complex-sentences.html).

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You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

***In recent times, many people are making the decision to live alone.***

***What are the causes of this?***

***Does it have positive or negatives effects on society?***

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own experience or knowledge.

Write at least 250 words.

**Model Answer - Living Alone Essay**

There has been a tendency in many countries over recent years for more people of all ages to choose to live alone. This essay will discuss the reasons for this and explain why this can have both advantages and disadvantages for society.

One reason for this trend is economic. People are generally more affluent than in the past, and this means that they can afford to make the choice to live alone, something not always possible in the past. In addition to this, there are also cultural factors. There used to be more pressure to marry young and think about having a family. Now though, people desire self-fulfilment, and will marry later or divorce if their marriage is not happy. Also, the developments in communication technology such as social media mean that people can live alone but still feel connected to others.

I would argue that this development has positive and negative impacts on society. A positive impact is that those individuals who are young and single have helped to revitalise cities around the world, as they are more likely to live in central locations and socialise, spend money and participate in public life than those living with others. However, a drawback is that some people living alone who experience problems may not have an outlet to talk about them. This lack of social support could lead to more mental health problems in the general population, which would need to be dealt with by public health care services.

To conclude, economic and cultural factors, and changes in communication have resulted in more people living alone, and, although this has benefits to society, there are also negative impacts.

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