

An effective response for paper 2, question 5 requires you to think carefully about the structure of your writing.

1. **Think about structure in your planning:** A quick plan will help you think about the organisation of your ideas. What are your key points? How can you emphasise these key points?
2. **Learn basic structuring techniques:** Consider the idea of arguments and counterarguments. What are the best ways to put these together?
3. **Learn ways of being inventive in your structuring:**

Try to include:

- an engaging opening
- signal the topics that will be covered
- single sentence paragraphs
- single word paragraphs
- links between paragraphs
- references back
- a 'flourish' at the end.

These features could help give your piece a more inventive structure.

4. **Consider how much you can craft in the time:** There is not, and cannot be, any word limit guidance, since we're all different, but this is an important issue for any candidate.
  - Talk to your teacher about how much is a good amount for you to be writing. **One thing is certain:** the exam board has said time and again, that often *less is more*.
  - They want to see carefully crafted, planned pieces - often the longest answers are the worst, because the planning hasn't been done properly, and the writing is directionless, and littered with errors.

### Tip:

Learn your line: once you've come to an understanding of roughly how much you're aiming to write, learn roughly how many pages this would be for you, personally. This will be unique to you, since everyone's handwriting is different. Once you've got accustomed to this, you can aim to write roughly up to that 'line', and not worry about counting words in the exam, which is definitely ill-advised.

Bearing all the above information in mind, now plan and write your answer to the question:

'Facebook is ruining young people's lives.'

Write a speech explaining your point of view on this statement.

[24 marks for content and organisation;  
16 marks for technical accuracy]