

Baccalaureate writing exam - Possible subjects

A- A newspaper article

- Write a **headline** (a headline is never a full sentence: “Kennedy killed” for example, not “Kennedy was killed”)
- Write **paragraphs** (pros and cons). Remember to use [past tenses](#) well if you tell a story: past simple, past continuous, present perfect, past perfect. Check out this [link](#) to practise.
- Use **complex sentences**, [connectors](#) ([although](#)..., [whereas](#)..., etc...)
- In the **conclusion**:
 - give your personal opinion about the topic
 - open up (to another topic, to a film, a book, a work of art related to the topic)

B- An essay (*texte argumentatif*)

<https://sites.google.com/site/practiseandlearnenglish/terminale/writing/1--possible-subjects/write-an-essay>

- Click [here](#) to get some help with the structure of your essay.
- Write paragraphs: introduction, advantages and drawbacks (for example), conclusion. Organize well your ideas.
- Use complex sentences, [connectors](#) ([although](#)..., [whereas](#)..., etc...)
- In the conclusion:
 - give your personal opinion about the topic
 - open up (to another topic, to a film, a book, a work of art related to the topic)

C- Write a sequel to a text (*suite du texte*)

- Use the same verb tense as in the text.
- Use details mentioned in the text:
 - about the characters
 - about the setting (place where the action takes place)
 - about the time of action (historical period? future? nowadays?...)

D- Write a story in the past

Use the 3 past tenses:

1- Past continuous

- to speak about the context, the circumstances
- *It was raining that day*

2- Past simple (prétérit)

- to tell your story chronologically
- *I slept badly last night, but I woke up late this morning. So, I didn't have time to have breakfast and I was in a bad mood when I took the bus.*

3- Past perfect

- To tell your story with flashbacks
- *This morning, I didn't have time to have breakfast because I had woken up late.*
- *As I hadn't slept well at night, I was in a bad mood all day.*
- *I didn't sleep well that night. Two days before, my wife had left me.*

Click [here](#) to revise all the tenses in English.

E- Write a dialogue

F- Write a letter or an e-mail.

- Start a letter/ an e-mail
 - formal letter: *Dear Sir / Dear Madam / Dear Sir or Madam / Dear Mrs Johnson...*
 - informal letter: *Dear John*
- The body of the letter/ e-mail
 - you can write paragraphs to be as clear as possible
 - make sure you use what you know about the person who writes the letter, the context... Use details from the text you have studied in the first part of the exam.
- The end of the letter/ e-mail
 - formal letter: *Best regards, Yours sincerely, Yours faithfully, Yours truly...*
 - informal letter: *Love, All the best, I look forward to hearing from you, Take care...*
 - Write the name of the person who writes the letter.
- More information: Click [here](#) and [here](#)