

Formal Writing

Pollution Tax

It has been suggested that there should be a tax, paid by the manufacturer, on every item which contains polluting material. This would mean, for example, that the producer of plastic rubbish bags would pay a tax on each item sold, while the producer of paper based rubbish bags, which can rot, would not have to pay the tax.

Below are some facts and opinions supporting or opposing the tax. Choose the ones you want to use and **write an essay expressing your opinion. You should write at least 250 words.**

First plan what you will write.

Remember to support your points with evidence and explanations. You can use examples, statistics, anecdotes, quotations etc.

Structure your essay with an introduction, middle and conclusion.

Write in paragraphs. Start a new paragraph when you introduce a new point.

Begin each paragraph with a **topic sentence**.

Write in a **formal style**. (No slang, swear words, abbreviations, contractions)

Be careful to **check your spelling and punctuation**.

Pollution

- A pollution tax might put some manufacturers out of business because their goods would not be competitive.
- A pollution tax would make consumers pay the true cost of the goods.
- A pollution tax would encourage manufacturers to produce non-polluting goods.
- It is the Government's responsibility to control pollution.
- It is not the manufacturer's problem if materials cause pollution after they have been used.
- People should have the right to choose what they want without extra taxes being put on some goods.
- There are other ways of paying to clean up pollution.
- A pollution tax would be fair because the polluter pays.
- If we don't act on pollution now there will be more to pay in the future.
- At present the taxpayer is subsidising manufacturers who use polluting materials.
- There are enough taxes already.
- Everyone pollutes so everyone should pay.
- "User pays" means that pollution should be paid for by those who use polluting materials.

Use **phrases that show you are developing an argument** such as:

In my opinion

An example of this is

A reason for doing this is

A further example of is

Therefore

We need to because

It is clear that because