

EXTENDED WRITING: THE PAST

B2 | Adults / Teens | Discussion Writing | 20–30 minutes | Set 2

Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. What was the most important event in your life last year?

2. Is your life getting better or worse? Why?

3. If you could change one thing about your past, what would it be?

4. What is your earliest memory?

5. What has been the most important day in your life so far?

6. Was life easier for your parents than it is for you?

7. How would your life be different if you had become fluent in English as a child?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. What was the most important event in your life last year?

Example: The most important event last year was completing a difficult project because it proved that I could manage a long-term commitment. It also gave me more confidence.

2. Is your life getting better or worse? Why?

Example: In some ways my life is improving because I understand my priorities better. However, I also have more responsibilities, so progress does not always feel simple.

3. If you could change one thing about your past, what would it be?

Example: I might change one decision that I made too quickly, but I would not want to erase every mistake. Some difficult experiences taught me useful lessons.

4. What is your earliest memory?

Example: My earliest memory is a family occasion with familiar voices and a strong feeling of safety. The details are unclear, but the atmosphere has stayed with me.

5. What has been the most important day in your life so far?

Example: One of the most important days was when I made a decision that changed my direction in life. It mattered because I accepted responsibility for my future.

6. Was life easier for your parents than it is for you?

Example: My parents may have had lower living costs and clearer career paths, while I have more choices and technology. Each generation faces different pressures.

7. How would your life be different if you had become fluent in English as a child?

Example: I would probably have travelled more confidently and used English for work much earlier. At the same time, learning it later has made me appreciate the effort involved.

8. Do you have any major regrets about the past?

Example: I have some regrets, but I try to see them as information rather than permanent failures. What matters most is using that knowledge to make better choices now.
