

Writing Task Sample

Unit 2 Shorter school weeks (p.23)

Do you support a 4-day school week?

Write an argumentative essay on whether schools should implement a 4-day school week in about 150 words.

Hong Kong schools have been debating whether to introduce a four-day week. There are valid pros and cons on this topic.

On the downside, implementing a four-day week could have a negative impact on students academically. Schools might need to extend the school day to accommodate the shorter week. **Consequently**, both teachers and students may be fatigued, and leads to questions about its overall benefits for them. **Additionally**, there would be an increased financial burden and inconvenience for parents, particularly for parents of younger children, as they would need to arrange childcare for the additional day off.

However, a four-day week provides students with opportunities to relax or be more productive. Having an extra day would allow them to do part-time jobs, engage in volunteer activities, or pursue additional educational goals. **Therefore**, some people think that this break from school would actually make students happy and enable a more focused and productive shorter week.

It's difficult to support any one side of the argument since they both perspectives have valid points. **After all**, the impact and effect of a four-day week vary for everyone.

~184 words