
TASK 28

Read the following two introductions to a simple essay topic and decide what differences there are in style, and which, if either, is preferable. Identify as many stylistic details as possible.

What are some of the difficulties that people face when living in a new country?

A.

When someone goes to live in another country he or she will find many new things that are not familiar. Some of these new things may be difficult for him or her to get used to. I want to talk about three different ways in which it may be difficult for a person to get used to living in a new country. The first way that it is difficult is what we may call physical, the second way is what we may call social, and the third way is what we may call mental.

B.

Without a doubt the transfer of an individual from one environment to another must be accompanied by a certain degree of difficulty, no matter who that individual may be, nor where she or he may have come from or transferred to. In all human endeavours it is possible, and indeed often desirable, to classify phenomena according to certain logical categories. Such a classification frequently assists in a better perception of the nature of the phenomena thus observed. In this case, also, it is intended to categorise commonly experienced difficulties in migration according to whether they fall into the physical, social or psychological domain.

9. Proof-reading

There is usually not much time left during a test to go over your essay and correct any mistakes. In any case, you are probably under too much tension to see most of them. However, there are two types of error that it is relatively easy to check for and both involve the final letter S. This is frequently omitted. If you have time, skim through your essay and check whether

- a) your **plural nouns** end in 's'
- b) all **verbs in the third person singular, present tense**, also end in 's'.