EXTENDED WRITING: GAMBLING

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

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

1. Do you play the lottery? Why or why not?

2. Have you ever played slot machines or another game of chance? What was it like?

3. What proportion of adults in your country do you think gamble?

4. Why do people gamble?

5. What is a gambling problem?

6. Is it easy to stop a gambling addiction? Why or why not?

7. Do you think you have good luck or bad luck?

8. Are casinos good or bad for a country?

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

1. Do you play the lottery? Why or why not?

Example: I rarely play the lottery because I see it as entertainment rather than a realistic way to make money. The odds are too low to justify spending much.

2. Have you ever played slot machines or another game of chance? What was it like?

Example: I have tried a simple game of chance, but I found that it was designed to make people continue playing. The excitement can disappear quickly when money is involved.

3. What proportion of adults in your country do you think gamble?

Example: I don't know the proportion in my country, so I wouldn't give a confident estimate. I know people who buy lottery tickets, but that doesn't show how common gambling is nationally.

4. Why do people gamble?

Example: People gamble for excitement, social reasons or the hope of solving financial problems quickly. Advertising can make the risks seem less serious than they are.

5. What is a gambling problem?

Example: A gambling problem begins when someone can't control the behaviour despite financial, emotional or relationship damage. It is more than simply enjoying an occasional bet.

6. Is it easy to stop a gambling addiction? Why or why not?

Example: Stopping can be difficult because gambling may become linked to stress, secrecy and the hope of recovering previous losses. Support and practical restrictions can help.

7. Do you think you have good luck or bad luck?

Example: I do not think luck is a fixed personal quality. People remember unusual successes and failures, but chance affects everyone unpredictably.

8. Are casinos good or bad for a country?

Example: Casinos can create jobs and tourism, but they can also increase harm for vulnerable people. Strong regulation and accessible support services are essential.