



Practise and consolidate your learning about how to respond to the Writing Task by completing our activities. The answers for all activities are on the last page.

### ACTIVITY 1

In the two body paragraphs below identify the stakeholders used to write about the topic of ageing populations. The first one has been highlighted for you.

#### BP1

There is no denying that constraints of time, money and space are placed on **modern industrial societies** with growing aged populations and declining birth rates. The most obvious would be the costs associated with caring for the elderly, funding their retirement pensions and providing residential care accommodation. Governments cannot be expected to carry this burden alone. They would need to impose additional taxes on the younger population and shift some of the caring responsibilities onto the extended families.

#### BP2

However, the valuable contributions that active and healthy aged individuals can make should not be overlooked. Firstly, these retired individuals could take on the role of carers for their grandchildren, allowing both parents to work longer hours and save on day care expenses. The extra earnings and savings could be used to improve the family's living standards. Secondly, the retirees could volunteer their services as drivers for the very old and sick. For example, they could deliver meals directly to those who are very elderly and infirm or assist with transportation to and from specialist appointments or hospital.

**ACTIVITY 2**

In the two body paragraphs below there are 4 words or phrases which are synonymous with the main stakeholder **ageing populations**. Write them in the spaces below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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### ACTIVITY 3

Complete the table by identifying the key points (**KP**) for each side of the issue on ageing populations, the supporting (**SI**) and developing ideas (**DI**) in the two body paragraphs given below. The first point and supporting idea are listed.

Issue: The younger generation will experience social and economic difficulties because people are living longer.	
Agree	Disagree
KP constraints of time, money and space	KP
SI costs associated with caring	SI <sub>1</sub>
DI <sub>1.1</sub>	DI <sub>1.1</sub>
DI <sub>1.2</sub>	SI <sub>2</sub>
	DI <sub>2.1</sub>

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## ACTIVITY 1 ANSWERS

### BP1

There is no denying that constraints of time, money and space are placed on **modern industrial societies** with growing **aged populations** and declining birth rates. The most obvious would be the costs associated with caring for **the elderly**, funding their retirement pensions and providing residential care accommodation. **Governments** cannot be expected to carry this burden alone. They would need to impose additional taxes on the **younger population** and shift some of the caring responsibilities onto the **extended families**.

### BP2

However, the valuable contributions that **active and healthy aged individuals** can make should not be overlooked. Firstly, these **retired individuals** could take on the role of **carers** for their **grandchildren**, allowing both **parents** to work longer hours and save on day care expenses. The extra earnings and savings could be used to improve the family's living standards. Secondly, the **retirees** could volunteer their services as **drivers** for the **very old** and **sick**. For example, they could deliver meals directly to those who are **very elderly and infirm** or assist with transportation to and from specialist appointments or hospital.

## ACTIVITY 2 ANSWERS

1. aged populations
2. the elderly
3. retired individuals
4. the retirees

### BP1

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## ACTIVITY 3 ANSWERS

<b>Issue:</b> The younger generation will experience social and economic difficulties because people are living longer.	
<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
KP constraints of time, money and space	KP valuable contributions of active and healthy aged individuals
SI costs associated with caring	SI <sub>1</sub> role of carers
DI <sub>1.1</sub> governments can't carry burden	DI <sub>1.1</sub> extra earnings and savings
DI <sub>1.2</sub> impose taxes and shift caring responsibilities	SI <sub>2</sub> volunteer services
	DI <sub>2.1</sub> deliver meals or assist with transportation

