

Exploring Beliefs: Life After Death

Learning objective: To express personal reflections and understand different religious perspectives on life after death.

Use the prompts below to help you structure your writing. Think carefully about how different people find comfort and meaning when they think about the future.

Across the world, many people have different ideas about what happens after a person's life comes to an end.

Word bank: furthermore · on the other hand · in addition · peaceful · perspective · eternity · tradition · comforting · spirit · consequently

1. Introduction: What is one common way that people think about life after death? Start your writing by saying: 'Many people believe that after life on Earth, the soul might...' (2 marks)

2. Religious Perspectives: How do some religions describe an afterlife? Start by saying: 'For example, in some religions, followers believe in a place of peace, while others suggest that...' (2 marks)

3. Finding Comfort: Why is it important for people to have these beliefs? Start by saying: 'Believing in life after death can be comforting because it helps people to...' (2 marks)

4. Respecting Differences: Why is it okay for people to have different opinions on this topic? Start by saying: 'It is important to respect different viewpoints because...' (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: What do you think is the most interesting thing you have learned about this topic? Start by saying: 'I find it fascinating that...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to Ellie the elephant. Explain to her how different stories and traditions help people feel less worried about the unknown.