



**O'level Foundation**  
**Week 2**

**The Write Tribe**

**COMPO WRITING**



**Composition Topic**

Video games are a waste of time.  
Is this really true?

Yes

No

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| <b>INTRODUCTION</b>                                       |
| A. Background information                                 |
| 1. General background information that grabs attention    |
| 2. More specific background information to lead to thesis |
| B. Thesis statement                                       |
| 1. Topic                                                  |
| 2. Outline your keypoints                                 |

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| <b>TOPIC: Smart devices are destroying the current generation. Do you agree?</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>INTRODUCTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 2. Even children as young as nine years old are hooked on to these devices. Despite the usefulness of these smart devices, they are becoming more of a threat, robbing students off their concentration and even their lives! |
| B. Thesis statement                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1. Smart devices destroying the current generation because                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2. they shorten attention spans and expose teenagers to cyberbullying resulting in suicides.                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Your INTRODUCTION should read like...</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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## Put your introduction together

### USEFUL CONNECTORS



#### ADDITION

1. Further
2. Furthermore
3. Moreover
4. In addition
5. Additionally

#### CONTRAST

1. However
2. Nevertheless
3. On the other hand
4. On the contrary
5. At the same time

#### RESULT

1. As a result
2. Hence
3. Therefore
4. Thus
5. Consequently

#### EXAMPLE

1. For example
2. For instance
3. Illustrated by
4. An instance of this
5. This can be seen in

#### COMPARISON

1. Similarly
2. In the same way
3. Likewise
4. Equally
5. Comparable

#### TIME

1. Meanwhile
2. Presently
3. At last
4. Finally
5. Currently

#### SUMMARY

1. In short
2. On the whole
3. In brief
4. In other words
5. To summarize

#### REASON

1. Since
2. Because
3. Owing to
4. In order to
5. The reason why



### SUPPORT PARAGRAPH 1



Topic sentence



Explanation



An example



Link back to topic

### TOPIC: Smart devices are destroying the current generation. Do you agree?

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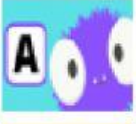
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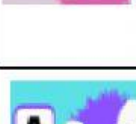
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### SUPPORT PARAGRAPH 2

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|   | Smart devices are portals to cyberbullying, resulting in the untimely deaths of many teenagers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|  | For example, Ashley Lovelace who was only 16, committed suicide after she was continuously bullied on instagram. She was endlessly taunted for being ugly until she finally took her life.                                                                                                                                                    |
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