

Part 1: Multiple Choice – Building an Essay

Instructions: This homework will help you practice building a strong argument. You will first choose the best parts of an essay.

Topic: Should all students have to wear a school uniform?

1. Choose the BEST introduction.

- a) School uniforms are clothes that students wear. Some schools have them, and some do not.
- b) The topic of school uniforms is important. This essay will look at the good sides, like making things equal, and the bad sides, like stopping self-expression.
- c) I think school uniforms are bad because they are boring and I don't like them.

2. Choose the BEST 'For' argument. (A reason why uniforms are good).

- a) Firstly, school uniforms help everyone feel equal. When all students wear the same clothes, there is less competition about wearing the best or most expensive brands.
- b) Firstly, uniforms are not very cool. They are usually old-fashioned and students do not feel happy in them.
- c) Firstly, some people like uniforms because they are easy to find in shops.

3. Choose the BEST 'Against' argument. (A reason why uniforms are bad).

- a) On the other hand, uniforms can be uncomfortable. Students have to wear them even if they don't like the color.
- b) On the other hand, uniforms are low cost. Parents don't have to buy many different clothes.
- c) On the other hand, uniforms stop students from expressing themselves. Clothes are a big way for young people to show who they are, and uniforms take away that choice.

4. Choose the BEST Refutation. (This answers the 'Against' argument).

- a) It is true that uniforms limit clothing choices; however, students can still show who they are through their hairstyle, shoes, and their personality.
- b) It is true that uniforms are boring, and I agree. Schools should not use them.
- c) Some people argue that uniforms are cheap, yet they are actually very expensive to buy.

5. Choose the BEST conclusion.

- a) In conclusion, some people like uniforms and some people do not. It is a difficult topic.
- b) In conclusion, even though uniforms limit clothing choices, they help make school a more equal place. Therefore, they are a good idea for building a strong school community.
- c) In conclusion, I believe we should ban all school uniforms because they are the worst.

Part 2: Fill in the Blanks – Complete the Essay

Topic: Should we care about how we look as much as we care about what to eat the next day?

Instructions: Complete the essay below using the words from the word bank. Use each word only once.

Word Bank:

- Firstly
- In addition
- On the other hand
- However
- For instance
- As a result
- In conclusion
- Personally
- Therefore

B. Refutation Phrases (Use one of these structures for blank number 6)

- It is true that... but / however...
- Some people argue that..., yet...
- Although many believe that..., it is important to note that..
- While this may be the case, in reality..
- This argument seems reasonable; nevertheless...

Although many believe that	Therefore	In addition
Firstly	Personally	On the other hand
As a result	For instance	

Our Appearance vs. Our Food

Introduction: Is it as important to care about how we look as it is to care about the food we eat? This essay will look at the good sides of caring about our looks, the reasons why healthy food is more important, and why we need a balance.

For: (1) [_____], taking care of our appearance can boost our confidence. When we feel we look good, we often feel more positive and prepared to face social situations like school or interviews. (2) [_____], presenting ourselves neatly shows respect for others and can create a positive first impression.

Against: (3) [_____], many argue that our physical health should be the ultimate priority. What we eat directly fuels our bodies and brains, affecting our energy, mood, and long-term well-being. (4) [_____], a diet high in sugar can lead to health problems, while a balanced diet supports a strong immune system.

Refutation: (5) [_____] the opposing view emphasizes health, it is important to note that appearance and health are often deeply connected. (6) [_____]

Conclusion: (7) [_____], finding a balance is key. We should not sacrifice our health for beauty, nor should we completely neglect our self-presentation.

(8) [_____], I believe that while caring about what we eat is non-negotiable for health, taking pride in our appearance is also valuable for our mental and social well-being. (9) [_____], we should care about both, but always ensure that our nutritional health comes first.

Part 3: Identify and Connect

Topic: Is it better to do homework alone or with friends?

Instructions: Read the sentences below. First, **decide** if each sentence is a **FOR** argument (supporting one side), an **AGAINST** argument, or a **REFUTATION** (answering the against argument). Then, choose the best linking word to complete the sentence.

1. Type: FOR / AGAINST / REFUTATION

"_____, working alone allows you to focus better without distractions from others."

- a) However
- b) Firstly
- c) On the other hand

2. Type: FOR / AGAINST / REFUTATION

"_____, you can learn more by discussing ideas and sharing answers with classmates."

- a) In addition
- b) On the other hand
- c) Therefore

3. Type: FOR / AGAINST / REFUTATION

"Some people argue that group work can be distracting and noisy."

"_____, if the group sets clear rules, students can stay on task and be even more productive."

- a) For instance
- b) However
- c) As a result

4. Type: FOR / AGAINST / REFUTATION

"_____, studying alone can sometimes be lonely and make it harder to understand difficult topics."

- a) Personally
- b) Therefore
- c) However

5. Type: FOR / AGAINST / REFUTATION

"It is true that friends can sometimes talk about other things, _____, this can be avoided by choosing your study partners carefully."

- a) and
- b) but
- c) because

Vocabulary: Fashion vs. Trendy

Part 4: Identify and Connect

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the BEST definition of the word "fashion"?

- a) Something that is very popular for a short period of time.
- b) The most popular style of clothing, hair, etc., at a particular time.
- c) A piece of clothing that is very old and classic.

2. What does it mean if something is "trendy"?

- a) It is very comfortable and practical.
- b) It is currently popular and fashionable.
- c) It is always in style, year after year.

3. Which sentence uses "fashion" correctly?

- a) "I follow the latest fashion by reading magazines."
- b) "That jacket is so fashion right now."
- c) "My phone is five years old; it's very fashion."

4. Which sentence uses "trendy" correctly?

- a) "The pyramids in Egypt are a trendy landmark."
- b) "She always wears trendy clothes that are popular this season."
- c) "My grandmother's recipe is a trendy dish in our family."

5. Think about the difference between "fashion" and "trendy." Which statement is TRUE?

- a) "Fashion" is a short-term trend, and "trendy" is a long-term style.
- b) "Fashion" is the general idea of what is popular. "Trendy" describes something that is currently in fashion.
- c) "Trendy" is a more formal word than "fashion."