

Writing a 'for and against' essay

1. Read the 'for and against' essay, order the paragraphs, and complete it with sentences A-D.

SHOULD RUGBY BE BANNED?

All in all, although rugby can be a dangerous sport, like other dangerous sports, the benefits often outweigh the negative aspects of the activity. (...)

It is true that rugby can bring out an aggressive side of players. A rugby tackle carried out anywhere except on the pitch – in the street, for example – would be classed as violence by anyone, including the police. Moreover, there have been several serious accidents in rugby. (...)

Nevertheless, thousands of men, and an increasing number of women, have been playing rugby for many years. They enjoy the competitiveness and physical challenge of this exciting game. It is also a good way to teach discipline and sportsmanship. What's more, it can give people the chance to exercise natural aggression through a controlled sport. (...)

Many people feel that rugby is a dangerous sport and it should, therefore, be banned. (...)

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- A Some of these have left players with permanent injuries.
- B Others believe that, although rugby should not be banned, it should not be played at school.
- C For these reasons, I believe that it should continue to be played, including at school.
- D If rugby is taught correctly, the chances of players suffering from accidents can be minimized.