

WRITING PROS and CONS / FOR and AGAINST / ADVANTAGES and DISADVANTAGES

Give a thorough view on a matter. Give equal weight to all the sides.

Back up the different points of view with details and examples.

Use semi-formal language. Do not use colloquial expressions. Contractions are acceptable, but try to avoid them.

INTRODUCTION

Introduce the topic (general tendency, present situation)

We can also use questions.

- People often say that life nowadays is easier than in the old days. Let's give this matter a few
- It is generally considered that politics need a change. I absolutely agree with this.
- It is worldwide known that big cities provide more services than small villages. However, is life better in bigger cities?
- It is true that, generally speaking, man has neglected nature. We have proofs of this every day: some people abandon their pets, we destroy entire woods for our purposes, we endanger species, and we don't protect our environment.

PARAGRAPH 2

Develop present situation / tendency.

Give a view on the matter.

Back up the ideas with examples.

- Firstly, we need to fight daily against all kind of addictions.
- In the first place, .
- To begin with, big cities provide a big quantity of services, and that is a great advantage you don't have in a rural area
- Today there is the general agreement that is threatening our planet
- There is a considerable disagreement among experts about...
- The data gathered suggest that...
- There is an overwhelming evidence that...
- It would not be advisable to...
- On the one hand,...
- The major downside of this method is...

PARAGRAPH 3

Give a second opinion with examples to support it.

- Secondly, teenagers may not have the responsibilities adults have...
- In the second place, experts say that pets improve our mental and physical health.
- Another argument in favour is...
- Let me illustrate my point with an example: ...
- On the other hand,...
- I can also say, that I personally like...

PARAGRAPH 4

Give a third view with examples supporting it.

- But we also have another view on the matter: those who believe that...
- However, let's not forget about the experts claiming that new methods are needed
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CONCLUSION

Concluding the essay (a warning / consequences)

- It is of outmost interest that this situation starts changing for good
- It is high time governments and citizens work together in order to ...
- In conclusion, it seems that we should strongly recommend....
- To make a long story short, we humans must start accepting our responsibilities and protect all living things around us.
- Despite some risks, there are many rewards to be gained, especially if ...

EXTRA TIPS

+ Use formal language. Phrases

Therefore, it can be seen that...

In consequence, this situation suggests that...

Another key thing to remember ...

Having said that,...

With this in mind,...

+ Give examples.

For instance,...

To give an illustration,...

..., such as ... ,

+ Using adverbs of degree

Totally

Really

Definitely

Absolutely

Very

Significantly

Rather

Fairly

Quite

+ Use formal language. Linkers.

Complete:

In order

Furthermore,...

Similarly, ... = Likewise,...

However,...

On one hand,...

On other hand,...

Despite this,

Provided that ...