

WRITING

An opinion essay



1 ★ Read David's essay. Does he agree with the statement?

It's good to have a Saturday job while you're still at school. Do you agree?

By David Rodríguez

- 1 Nowadays, things cost a lot and you need enough money to buy them. With a Saturday job you can earn your own money, but ¹ in my opinion, it's not a good idea.
- 2 ² _____, working in a supermarket or café can sometimes be boring. Also, a student often gets lower pay than an adult for the same type of job. Perhaps because of this, more students get these jobs, and there isn't enough work for older people with families who need money more than you.
- 3 Also, teenagers usually sleep longer and get up later on Saturdays. ³ _____ that when you study hard at school all week, you need to relax at the weekend. I also think that enjoying free-time activities is more important than earning money.
- 4 ⁴ _____, students need enough time for schoolwork, relaxing and doing free-time activities. ⁵ _____ it's better to rest at the weekend and spend more time doing your favourite things. We'll have enough time for work when we're older!

2 ★ Complete the essay with the phrases in the box.

First of all I believe that in my opinion
Personally, I think To sum up

3 ★★ Read the essay again and answer the questions.

- 1 What examples of part-time jobs does David give?

- 2 In David's opinion, why can part-time jobs for teens be a problem for adults?

- 3 According to David, what do teenagers typically do on Saturday mornings?

- 4 What does David say is more important than money?

4 ★ Match the paragraphs (1–4) with the summaries (a–d).

- a a first reason for your opinion ☐
- b a summary of your opinion ☐
- c an introduction to the topic and your opinion ☐
- d a second reason for your opinion ☐

Write an opinion essay.

PLAN

5 ★★ Choose one of the following topics or use David's topic. Make notes about the information you need for each paragraph.

- Saturday jobs teach you the skills you need for the future.
- Hard-working teachers don't earn enough money.

1 Introduce the topic and give your opinion:

2 Give a reason for your opinion:

3 Give a second reason:

4 Summarise your opinion:

WRITE

6 ★★★ Write your opinion essay. Remember to include *(not) enough* and *too, too much, too many*, and the phrases from the *Useful language* box (see Student's Book, p53).

CHECK

- 7 Do you ...
- have four paragraphs?
 - give reasons for your opinions?
 - summarise your opinion at the end?