# Writing

## An opinion essay

1 Look at the photo and read the essay. Does the writer feel positive or negative about the future?

Write an essay about the following statement: 'The world will be a more difficult place to live in the future'.



In the 21st century the world will change very quickly. It's easy to be pessimistic, but I think we will find a way to survive.

[1] **First of all**, scientists are always making new discoveries, like health treatments or how to grow food more efficiently. So we have a lot of ways to improve our lives. [2] **Secondly**, I think people are starting to recycle more and produce less rubbish.

[3] **On the other hand**, there will be difficulties. Climate change will cause extreme weather. This will be a problem all over the world. Countries should work together, and governments must find a way to do this.

[4] **In conclusion**, the future won't be easy, but I think young people will be important. We need to work together to solve the world's problems. In my opinion, we can!

Look at **Language**

SEQUENCING LANGUAGE (2)

Use **sequencing language** to ...

- show a contrast (*However, there will be problems ...*)
- introduce an opening point (*Firstly, this is because ...*)
- summarise an opinion (*To sum up, I think ...*)
- introduce another point (*In addition, I think ...*).

2 Match the phrases in **bold** in the Look at Language box with phrases 1–4 in the text in Exercise 1.

However,

Firstly,

To sum up,

In addition,

3 Choose the correct options.

1 Secondly / Second of all, we must work hard to produce less waste.
2 In sum up / conclusion, the future is in our hands.
3 On / In the other hand, it will be difficult in the future
4 Firstly / First of all, recycling is making a big difference.

Secondly / Second of all,

In sum up / conclusión,

On / In

Firstly / First of all,

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Look at **Content**

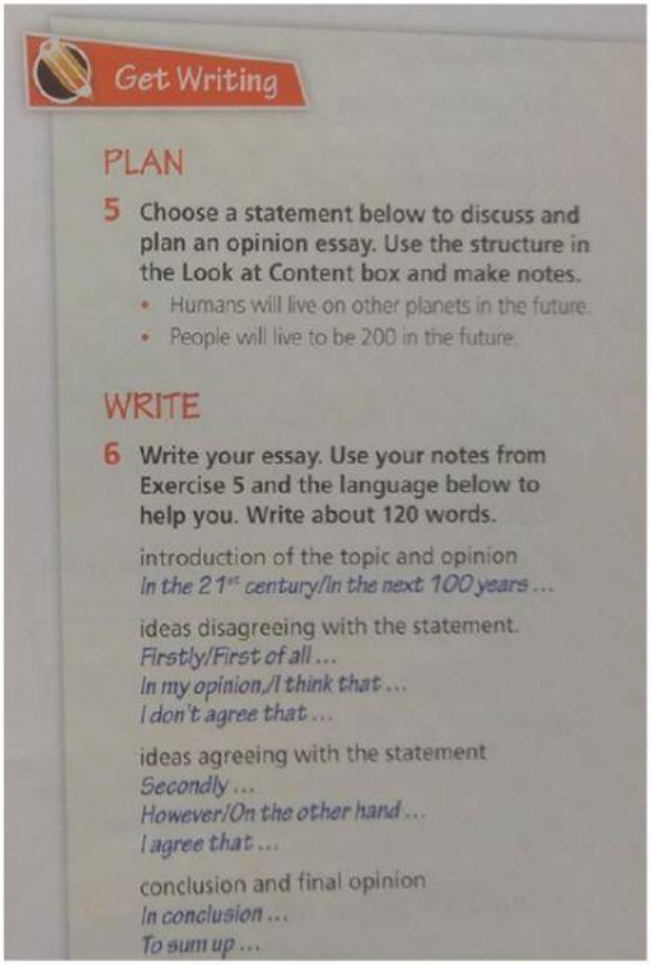
In an opinion essay we can include this content:

A some ideas agreeing with the statement
B introduction of the topic and opinion
C conclusion and final opinion
D some ideas disagreeing with the statement

4 Read the essay again. Match A–D in the Look at Content box with the four paragraphs.

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| A | Paragraph |
| B | Paragraph |
| C | Paragraph |
| D | Paragraph |

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### PLAN

**5** **Choose a statement below to discuss and plan an opinion essay. Use the structure in the Look at Content box and make notes.**

- Humans will live on other planets in the future.
- People will live to be 200 in the future.

### WRITE

**6** **Write your essay. Use your notes from Exercise 5 and the language below to help you. Write about 120 words.**

introduction of the topic and opinion
*In the 21st century/In the next 100 years ...*

ideas disagreeing with the statement.
*Firstly/First of all ...*
*In my opinion,/I think that ...*
*I don't agree that ...*

ideas agreeing with the statement
*Secondly ...*
*However/On the other hand ...*
*I agree that ...*

conclusion and final opinion
*In conclusion ...*
*To sum up ...*

TITLE: _____

** DO NOT WRITE MORE THAN 130 WORDS.

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