

Lesson 1

Writing task: Advantages and Disadvantages

I. Structure Analysis

Read this essay and write a heading for each paragraph. Use the words/phrases below.

Conclusion

Introduction

Advantages of smartphones

Disadvantages of smartphones

a. _____

Smart phones are great tools for many areas, but many people also believe that these devices are not always as good as people think they are. *This essay will compare the advantages and disadvantages of smart phones.*

b. _____

First and foremost, smart phones can help students with their study. A lot of things can be found with smart phones because they can be used to connect to the internet. *In addition*, smart phones are also good for people who work. *For example*, sometimes they can download documents and read them before going to a meeting, and this will help to save so much time.

c. _____

However, smart phones can affect users' health. Radiation from mobile phones can cause cancer, and staring at phone screens for too long can cause eye-related problems such as irritation and even myopia. *Moreover*, having a smart phone can cause addiction. A lot of people these days cannot go 2 minutes without looking at their phones. *Therefore*, today's society has become less close as people are spending more time connecting with people online rather than in person.

d. _____

In conclusion, smart phones can help people both at schools and at their workplaces, but they can also ruin real-world relationships. *Therefore*, people should make sure that they do not let smart phones control their lives.

II. Organization

Put the following items in the correct paragraphs.

1. A statement about the topic **introduction**
2. Supporting information about advantages
3. Writer's recommendations
4. Supporting information about disadvantages
5. A sentence which tells readers they will read about advantages
6. A sentence which tells readers they will read about disadvantages
7. A sentence which tells readers about the advantage/disadvantage
8. Examples
9. A summary of the main ideas in body paragraphs

III. Useful Language

1. Read the introduction. What **phrase** is used to tell readers what they will read in body paragraphs?
2. Read body paragraph 1. How many advantages are included? What is it/are they?
3. Read body paragraph 2. What phrase is used to begin body paragraph 2? How many disadvantages are included? What is it/are they?
4. Read the conclusion paragraph. What phrase is used to begin the conclusion paragraph?