

PLAN

When writing an essay discussing advantages and disadvantages, organise your ideas according to the plan below.

INTRODUCTION

- Introduce the subject of the essay and both sides of the topic.

MAIN PART (2 PARAGRAPHS)

- Refer to the advantages / disadvantages in separate paragraphs. Cover both sides of the topic equally.

CONCLUSION

- Make a general statement. Use phrases like:
 - *In conclusion...*
 - *To sum up...*
 - *All in all...*
 - *On the whole...*
 - *Taking everything into consideration...*
- State your opinion.

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When writing an essay discussing advantages and disadvantages,

- think about the topic carefully and choose two or three ideas / points (the ones you have the most to say about). Don't try to deal with too many points.
- use topic sentences to introduce each paragraph.
- explain or justify each point and, if possible, provide an example.
- use a variety of linking words / phrases to list points, add points, express contrast, give examples, give your opinion, etc. (see page 57).
- write in a formal style and do not use short forms.
- avoid introducing any new ideas in the conclusion.

Question: Essay: What are the pros and cons of team sports?

INTRODUCTION:

MAIN PART 1

MAIN PART 2

CONCLUSION