

An Opinion Essay

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How to structure your essay:

INTRODUCTION:	Describe the problem and express your opinion.
CONTENT:	Give at least three reasons for your opinion
CONCLUSION:	Restate your opinion and briefly summarise the reasons.

The Government should encourage people to save water. Do you agree?

People in Spain don't appreciate the importance of water. _____ millions of litres are wasted every year. In my opinion, Government campaigns would help to reduce unnecessary water consumption.

Water is a very important resource for various reasons. _____, we need to drink clean water to survive. _____ we need it to keep clean. _____, without water we cannot grow crops or raise animals for food. The government should do more to make people realise this.

The human population is growing and the climate is changing. _____ there may not be enough water or everyone in the future. We should encourage people to change wasteful habits now before it's too late.

_____ water treatment processes cost a lot and use a large amount of electricity. _____, reduced water consumption would save energy and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

_____, I think that the government should encourage people to save water. It would help to conserve this important resource for the future. _____, it would reduce the money and energy that is spent on water treatment each year.

In conclusion What's more Finally Therefore Firstly Moreover As a result Secondly Consequently

More Spanish forests should be protected. Do you agree?

At the moment a few forests in Spain are protected but more could be done. I believe that it is important that we protect the remaining forests for the following reasons.

Extensive deforestation has destroyed a number of habitats. _____ many species of animal that live in these forests are in danger of extinction. It would be sad to see these animals disappear completely. _____, each animal has an important role to play in the ecosystem. For example, foxes keep rabbit populations in check.

_____ through photosynthesis trees provide us with oxygen and help to filter gases like carbon dioxide which are harmful to humans. _____, they help us to reduce pollution and combat global warming.

_____, deforestation destroys the natural beauty of area. _____, it may cause landslides.

_____, I think that there should be more protected forests in Spain. _____, we should educate our children about the importance of conservation. _____, future generations might be able to enjoy the same biodiversity that exists today.

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Schools should educate students about the environment. Do you agree?

Young people don't appreciate the importance of protecting the environment. _____ they don't think about the harmful effects of their behaviour. I believe that education in schools may help change attitudes and behaviours.

_____, education could encourage recycling. Compared to other countries we only recycle a small percentage of our waste. Consequently, a lot of energy, resources and money are wasted needlessly.

_____, schools can raise awareness of the importance of water as a resource. At the moment water is seen as a cheap and unlimited resource. _____, people waste water on unnecessary things like golf courses and private swimming pools.

_____, people could be made aware of the consequences of dropping litter. Many people drop litter at the beach and in the countryside. _____, our seas and fields are full of rubbish.

_____, I believe that education can help young people realise how they harm the environment and the consequences of this. _____, their attitudes might change and environmentally harmful activities may become less acceptable.

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