

1. Style: Check the sentences that apply to this kind of essays.

Uses formal language _____

Includes contractions _____

Keeps personal references to a minimum _____

Uses exclamation marks and direct speech _____

Uses everyday conversational expressions _____

2. Look at the following phrases. Drag them to the correct groups according to their function in an opinion essay.
(The first one has been done for you as an example.)

• In my opinion / view...	• Firstly / Secondly / Thirdly ...	• Another reason why...
• However, ...	• Moreover, ...	• To sum up...
• I partly / fully agree that...	• Finally...	• I firmly believe that...
• Although...	• Consequently...	• As a result...
• In addition to this, ...	• In conclusion	• Furthermore, ...
• What is more, ...	• I personally feel that...	• First / Second of all...

Giving your own opinion	Structuring and sequencing your ideas	Adding ideas	Contrasting two ideas / examples / statements	Explaining
In my opinion/ view				
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3. Read the sample essay carefully and mention what number of paragraphs contain these parts of the outline.

Makes an analysis of the question.....

Deals with opposing arguments.....

Makes a summary of all that has been stated.....

Gives opinion with the information supporting it.....

4. Now, read again and mark the correct linker in each of the statements

"Some cities create housing areas by providing taller buildings. Others create housing by building houses on a wider area of land. Which solution is better?"

1 -While the government decide to construct high-rise buildings to provide housing for their citizens, in a number of cities, in other ones they expand their housing areas horizontally. *In my opinion / In conclusion / In addition*, building a vertical city is a better option because it makes better use of land, a limited resource on the planet, and it is also more eco-friendly than a horizontal one.

2-*Firstly /Therefore / I believe*, a vertical city can better optimize the land use because land on earth will not grow any bigger, while the human population is ever-increasing. If tall apartments are erected and chosen as a place of residence, a unit of land can accommodate a larger number of residents. *Secondly /For instance /Moreover*, instead of allocating 100 miles square of land for the construction of houses for a population of only 100 households, the government can provide accommodation for ten times as many when constructing a ten-story apartment. *Due to / Despite/ Consequently*, more land can be available for other purposes, *such as/ on the whole / in fact* cultivating crops to meet the growing food demands or expanding streets to alleviate traffic congestion, which can address critical issues associated with the overpopulation.

3-*Moreover/ Meanwhile/ Nevertheless*, housing areas enlarged in a horizontal direction place a high pressure on the environment and people's life. *Since / Particularly/ As a result* of the increasing population of humans, wildlands may be encroached to make room for residential areas. *For example /For starters/ Because*, in Brazil, a major part of forests are cleared to build more houses for citizens, which not only endangers wildlife but also puts human civilization at higher risk of natural disasters. With narrowed forests, floods and droughts have taken place more often, damaging the agriculture, the economy and other important sectors of this country.

4-*What is more/ In conclusion / For instance*, employing the same area of land, vertical cities can house more citizens than horizontal cities which are not only environmentally damaging but also unsustainable in the long run. *Personally/ As a matter of fact/ Another reason why*, municipal leaders should develop their city in a vertical way as soon as possible.

