

I. Read the rubric and underline the key words, then answer the questions.

You have had a class discussion about different forms of travel. Your teacher has now asked you to write an essay presenting the arguments for and against travelling by boat.

1. *What type of essay should you write?*
2. *Should you use short sentences, colloquial expressions and idioms? If not, why?*
3. *Which of the following points could be included in your essay? Tick (✓). Which points are pros and which are cons? Add some other ideas.*

cheaper than other forms of travel ☐
can be unpleasant in bad weather ☐
lots of people go on sailing holidays ☐

journeys can take a long time ☐
more comfortable and enjoyable than other forms of transport ☐
famous explorers travelled the seven seas ☐

II. Read the article and label the paragraphs with the correct headings. What is the writer's opinion on the topic? Finally, replace the topic sentences in the main body paragraphs with alternative ones.

- *Arguments against*
- *Arguments for*
- *Opinion*
- *Present topic*

Introduction

Did you know the boat was one of the first forms of transport? A hundred years ago, the only way to make a journey across the sea was by boat. Nowadays, however, when it is possible to fly from one continent to another in the space of a few hours, is there any reason to travel by boat?

Para 1

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Main Body

Although the boat is a rather old-fashioned way of travelling, it has certain advantages. **To begin with**, boats are usually more comfortable than planes or cars. Instead of staying in your seat for the whole journey, you can go for a walk on the deck, eat in a restaurant, or even go shopping. Having more space to move around makes a long journey much more pleasant. **Furthermore**, boats are often cheaper than other forms of travel. **For example**, a boat ticket usually costs less than a plane ticket. **Finally**, boats are a safe alternative to cars and planes. There are fewer accidents at sea than in the air or on the roads.

Para 2

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However, travelling by boat does have its disadvantages. It usually takes much longer than other forms of travel. **As a result**, it can be more tiring. **In addition**, boat trips can be very unpleasant when the weather is bad or the sea is rough, making journeys uncomfortable or even frightening.

Para 3

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Conclusion

All things considered, although there are some disadvantages to travelling by boat, I believe it is a very enjoyable experience. Journeys may take longer, but if you have time to spare, you can take advantage of the many facilities which boats have to offer and enjoy a pleasant voyage.

Para 4

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- III. Read the article again and fill in the blanks below. Then, using: expressions from the box on the right, talk about the pros and cons of travelling by boat.

Main Body	Para 2	FOR	
		Arguments	Justifications/Examples
		1) more comfortable than other forms of travel	go for a walk, eat in a restaurant, go shopping, have more space to move around
		2)	
		3)	
	Para 3	AGAINST	
Arguments		Justifications/Examples	
1)			
2)			