

## 7 AN OPINION ESSAY

a Read the article once. Do you agree with what it says?

### "THERE ARE TOO MANY SPORTS SHOWS ON TV."

#### DO YOU AGREE?

Every time I turn on the television, I'm sure to find a sports show on one of the channels. If I change channels, there will probably be a sports show or a sports report on other channels, too, especially on the weekend. <sup>1</sup>*In my opinion* there are definitely too many sports shows on TV for the following reasons.

<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, if you compare sports with other TV shows, sports completely dominate. The only time you can watch talk shows or game shows or soap operas is on weekday mornings or afternoons. This is not fair to people who like other kinds of TV shows, <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ dramas, political shows, or documentaries.

Secondly, the sports shows on TV are not only the important games. Every week they show boring games from college and even high school divisions.

<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, I also believe that, on the weekend, most people want to relax in front of the television. Many people, including me, don't like sports, and prefer to see good movies or funny comedy shows.

<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, I think that even on news programs there is too much information about sports. It is very annoying when they talk about sports for hours every day, especially when there are more important things happening in the world.

<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, I think TV should show fewer sports shows, especially on the weekend. <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it should show other kinds of shows and more movies. On news programs they should talk about important things that are happening in the world, not about sports.

b Read the article again and complete the blanks with a word or phrase from the list. Use capital letters where necessary.

finally      firstly      for example      thirdly  
in my opinion      instead      to conclude

c You are going to write an article called "There are too many reality shows on TV". Do you agree? With a partner decide if you agree or not, and think of three of four reasons.

d Write the article. Write four or five paragraphs.

Paragraph 1	Write an introduction. You can adapt the introduction in the model article. Say if you agree or not.
Middle paragraphs	Give your reasons. Begin the paragraphs with <i>Firstly</i> , <i>Secondly</i> , <i>(Thirdly,)</i> and <i>Finally</i> .
Last paragraph	Write a conclusion (this should be a summary of what you write in the middle paragraphs).

e Check your article for mistakes (grammar, punctuation, and spelling). Show your article to other students in the class. How many of your classmates agree with you? How many disagree?

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