

Writing

An opinion essay

- 1 Look at the photo and read the essay. Does the writer feel positive or negative about the future?

Write an essay about the following statement: 'The world will be a more difficult place to live in the future'.



In the 21st century the world will change very quickly. It's easy to be pessimistic, but I think we will find a way to survive.

¹**First of all**, scientists are always making new discoveries, like health treatments or how to grow food more efficiently. So we have a lot of ways to improve our lives. ²**Secondly**, I think people are starting to recycle more and produce less rubbish.

³**On the other hand**, there will be difficulties. Climate change will cause extreme weather. This will be a problem all over the world. Countries should work together, and governments must find a way to do this.

⁴**In conclusion**, the future won't be easy, but I think young people will be important. We need to work together to solve the world's problems. In my opinion, we can!

Look at Language

SEQUENCING LANGUAGE (2)

Use sequencing language to ...

- show a contrast (**However**, there will be problems ...)
- introduce an opening point (**Firstly**, this is because ...)
- summarise an opinion (**To sum up**, I think ...)
- introduce another point (**In addition**, I think ...).

- 2 Match the phrases in **bold** in the Look at Language box with phrases 1–4 in the text in Exercise 1.

However,

Firstly,

To sum up,

In addition,

- 3 Choose the correct options.

- 1 Secondly / Second of all, we must work hard to produce less waste.
- 2 In sum up / conclusion, the future is in our hands.
- 3 On / In the other hand, it will be difficult in the future.
- 4 Firstly / First of all, recycling is making a big difference.

Secondly / Second of all,

In sum up / conclusion,

On / In

Firstly / First of all,

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Look at Content

In an opinion essay we can include this content:

- A some ideas agreeing with the statement
- B introduction of the topic and opinion
- C conclusion and final opinion
- D some ideas disagreeing with the statement

- 4 Read the essay again. Match A–D in the Look at Content box with the four paragraphs.

A Paragraph

B Paragraph

C Paragraph

D Paragraph



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PLAN

5 Choose a statement below to discuss and plan an opinion essay. Use the structure in the Look at Content box and make notes.

- Humans will live on other planets in the future.
- People will live to be 200 in the future.

WRITE

6 Write your essay. Use your notes from Exercise 5 and the language below to help you. Write about 120 words.

introduction of the topic and opinion
In the 21st century/In the next 100 years ...

ideas disagreeing with the statement.

Firstly/First of all ...

In my opinion, I think that ...

I don't agree that ...

ideas agreeing with the statement

Secondly ...

However/On the other hand ...

I agree that ...

conclusion and final opinion

In conclusion ...

To sum up ...

TITLE: _____

**** DO NOT WRITE MORE THAN 130 WORDS.**