

FOR and AGAINST ESSAY (B2)

(Pros and Against Essay = Opinion essay)



Structure

The essay should consist of at least 4-5 paragraphs:

1. the introductory paragraph
2. the body: 2 – 3 paragraphs
3. the concluding paragraph

✚ **!Do not use contractions (it'll or don't...)**

THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH - 1st paragraph

- It is very general. You can say what your essay is about and express your attitude.
- The first paragraph needs to catch the reader's attention. You can repeat the title sentence.
- You can describe the current situation/trends or problems connected to the title

✚ **To describe a change that happened before now, but which has present results, use the present perfect simple:**

„The number of cars on our roads has increased a lot over the last twenty years...“

✚ **To describe a trend in society that is not finished, we usually use the present continuous:**

„Traffic is getting worse every year, and we are slowly running out of oil.“

THE BODY PARAGRAPH (it should consist of 3 paragraphs)

- two paragraphs with advantages
- one paragraph with disadvantages

✚ Use these linking words:

- Firstly/Secondly/Thirdly....Last of all
- On the plus side....
- One advantage is that....
- Another point is that....
- Moreover...
- What is more,...
- However...
- For instance/For example...
- Obviously...
- In my opinion/From my point of view...
- I reckon...
- Personally, I think...
- Actually,...
- Consequently...
- Anyway,...
- Nevertheless...
- All in all...

THE CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH – the 5th (the last paragraph)

- You should summarize what you have said and restate (repeat again) thesis from the beginning in other words.
- You can also appeal to the reader's emotions or draw a conclusion based on the information in the body.
- It is important to remember that the concluding paragraph **should not contain any new information**
- Use these linking words:
 - **To sum up**
 - **In conclusion**
 - **Finally**
 - **All things considered**

Good
Luck!

