

ESSAY

Several paragraphs about a topic



OPENING

- Begin with a surprising fact.
- Begin with a short anecdote
- Begin with a question.

THE BODY

- One or more paragraphs which develop the topic.
- Choose ideas and put them in a logical order (in separate paragraphs).

THE CLOSING

- Summarise the main idea or present a conclusion.
- Leave the reader with a strong impression.

WRITING A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY



OPENING

Introductory paragraph in which you present the topic without giving your opinion.

THE BODY

The points for

The points against

In two separate paragraphs with your justification.

THE CLOSING

You can give either your opinion or a balanced consideration of the topic.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

To introduce points:

One major advantage (or disadvantage) of, a further advantage, one point of view in favour of/against...

To list points:

In the first place, first of all, to start with, secondly, thirdly, finally, last but not least...

To add more points to the same topic:

What is more, furthermore, also, in addition to this/that, besides, apart from this/that, not to mention the fact that...

To make contrasting points:

On the other hand, however, in spite of, while, nevertheless, despite, even though, although, it can be argued that...

**To introduce
examples:**

*For example, for instance, like,
especially, such as, in particular*

To conclude:

*To sum up, all in all, all things
considered, in conclusion,
on the whole, taking everything into
account, as was previously stated*