

'For' and 'Against' essays (formal style)

Целью Argumentative essay является беспристрастно рассмотреть возможные аргументы за и против определенной точки зрения. При этом крайне важно, чтобы эссе было сбалансированным, то есть и за, и против привести одинаковое количество аргументов. В последнем абзаце автор эссе говорит о том, что он более вескими считает аргументы за, против или не соглашается ни с одной из сторон. Структурно такое эссе выглядит так:

1. Введение (описание проблемы)
2. Аргументы за, показанные беспристрастно.
3. Аргументы против, показанные беспристрастно.
4. Выводы - какие аргументы выглядят наиболее убедительными (или обоснование того, почему ни одна из точек зрения не верна).

Useful Language (FOR and AGAINST essay)

I. Introduction (state the topic /problem, you talk generally about the topic, you may ask a question or start with a quotation)

- As a general rule..... It is popularly believed that..... It is often suggested..... People often claim that..... A lot of people think that..... Many people are in favour of..... / are convinced that.....
- We all know that...
- Can you imagine? Isn't it amazing.....? Have you ever thought of....? Isn't it strange...?
- There are both advantages and disadvantages Let's begin with.....

II. Main Body (points FOR and AGAINST, along with your justification, appear in two separate paragraphs)

- To introduce points
 - The main / most important / greatest advantage of..... is that.....
 - Another advantage/ disadvantage of..... A further advantage/ disadvantage of.....
 - One point of view in favour of / against... The best/ worst thing about..... is.....
- To list points
 - In the first place... First of all..... To start with... To begin with...
 - Secondly... Thirdly..... Finally..... Last but not least.....
- To add more points to the same topic
 - What is more... Furthermore Moreover.....
 - In addition to this.... Besides..... Apart from this.....
- To make contrasting points
 - on the other hand however..... in spite of the fact that despite the fact that.....
 - while..... nevertheless... even though..... although.... it can be argued that.....
- To introduce examples
 - for example..... for instance... such as..... in particular.....

III. Conclusion (you give either your opinion or a balanced consideration of the topic, or give the reader something to consider, or to end with a quotation)

- To conclude
 - to sum up..... all in all on the whole..... in conclusion
 - taking everything into account...../ as was previously stated
 - All things considered, although there are some disadvantages....., most people believe it is.../ it is believed that...

All in all, it seems (to me) more convincing that there are more advantages than disadvantages.....

Opinion essay

Целью Opinion essay является изложить и доказать свое мнение. При этом необходимо привести точку зрения противоположной стороны. Но собственное мнение превалирует, и все эссе посвящено его доказательству и опровержению противоположного мнения. Структурно такое эссе лучше всего построить следующим образом:

1. Введение (описание проблемы)
2. Изложение своего мнения - с аргументами, подтверждающими его.
3. Краткое изложение противоположной точки зрения и объяснение, почему эта точка зрения неверна.
4. Заключение - повторное утверждение своего мнения ("подтверждение" того, что оно доказано)

Useful Language (OPINION essay)

I. Introduction (state the topic/ problem ; you may ask a question or start with a quotation; state your opinion)

- state the topic /problem
- Is too much emphasis placed on.....?
- Nowadays, we are often told Every day... There is no doubt that.....
- Over the past few years,..... Are you among those who.....? Why has.....become...?
- The British poet...once said that "...."
- There are various facts that support this opinion.
- To express opinion
- In my opinion..... I believe..... It seems to me..... The way I see it.....

II. Main Body (each paragraph should present a separate viewpoint supported by your reason, another paragraph should present the opposing viewpoint)

- To list points
- In the first place... First of all..... To start with... To begin with...
- Secondly... Thirdly..... Finally..... Last but not least.....
- To add more points to the same topic
- What is more... Furthermore Moreover.....
- In addition to this.... Besides..... Apart from this.....
- To introduce contrasting viewpoints
- It is argued that..... People argue that..... Opponents of this view say
- There are people who oppose..... Contrary to what most believe.....
- To introduce examples
- for example..... for instance... such as..... in particular.....

III. Conclusion (you restate your opinion using different words)

- To conclude
- to sum up..... all in all all things considered..... on the whole.....
- in conclusion taking everything into account...../ as was previously stated
- All in all, I still feel that the benefits ofoutweigh the disadvantages.