

How do you write... A DISCUSSION ESSAY

Structure

Paragraph 1: Introduction. A statement that explains the topic. Explain that there are views for and against this idea; advantages and disadvantages.

Paragraph 2: Arguments for / advantages.

Paragraph 3: Arguments against / disadvantages.

Paragraph 4: Conclusion. Sum up the other side of the argument. Give your own conclusion – your opinion.

Useful sentences

Introduction

In the past,

At the moment, / At present,

These days,

It is a well-known fact that...

... is an important issue in today's world.

There are obviously advantages and disadvantages.

There are positive and negative sides to this.

Giving both sides of the argument

On the one hand, ... / On the other hand, ...

Some people would argue that... but others would say that...

Although..., it could also be argued that...

In reality, however, ...

Expressing contrast

However, / nevertheless,

On the one hand,

Although

Despite (the fact that) / in spite of (the fact that)

Expressing result

As a result,

For this reason,

Consequently, Therefore,

For example, / for instance,

This means that...

Adding ideas

Another reason is

In addition,

Moreover, / What's more

Concluding

To sum up,

In conclusion,

My own opinion is that... because...

Personally, I believe that...