



2nd semester

Advanced

Lesson 14



Topic 14: Writing for and against essay



Structure of 'for and against' Essay

The 'for and against' essay can be organized as follows:

INTRODUCTION (states the topic along with its present situation without giving writer's opinion)

BODY:

Paragraph 1: (Arguments in favour - along with reasons, examples, facts) **Paragraph 2:** (Arguments against- along with reasons, examples, facts)

CONCLUSION (states the writer's opinion directly/indirectly and gives a balanced view of the topic)

A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

Paragraph 1: Introduce both sides of the argument

Paragraph 2: Give reasons to support the topic. Include examples

Paragraph 3: Give reasons against. Include examples

Paragraph 4: Conclude the essay and give your personal opinion

USEFUL PHRASES



TO ADD INFORMATION	TO CONTRAST TWO FACTS	TO GIVE OPINION
Also/as well/too	Although	As I see it
And	But	I feel that
Besides,	Despite	I think that
Furthermore,	In spite of	In my opinion
In addition,	In spite of the fact that	It seems to me that
Moreover,	However,	Possibly
What's more,	Though	Probably
	On the one hand/On the other hand	
	Nevertheless	
	Yet	
	While	



Evaluate your essay in terms of following parameters:



Content:

Make sure that appropriate transitional expressions are used to present reasons in favour of as well as against the topic. You should start the essay by stating the current situation.

Argumentation:

The arguments and justifications presented must be relevant to the given topic. Also, the concluding paragraph should include a balanced viewpoint of the topic.

Essay Organization:

The essay needs to be structured in a logical manner. Your personal opinion should be stated only in the concluding paragraph.

Choice of words:

Use opinion words (e.g. I think.., in my view, etc.) only in the concluding paragraph and not in the introductory or main body of the essay. Lastly, check your essay for any punctuation, grammatical or spelling mistakes.

Writing task 2

'for and against' Essay

1. Violent video games should be prohibited.
2. Are online friends more effective than imaginary?
3. Money can buy happiness.

Choose one topic and write your essay.

