

ESSAY Writing



Opening:

It is often said that.../ Many people claim that...
In this day and age.../ Nowadays.../ These days...
...is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion.
It goes without saying that.../ Needless to say,...
The following essay takes a look at both sides of the argument.



Introducing points:

Firstly,.../ To start with,.../ First of all,.../ First and foremost,...
Secondly,.../ Thirdly.../ Lastly,.../ Finally,.../ Last but not least,...
Furthermore,.../ In addition,.../ What is more,.../ On top of that,...
Another point worth noting is.../ Another factor to consider is...

Presenting ideas & giving examples:

When it comes to **noun/gerund**,...
In terms of **noun/gerund**,...
Not only...but also...
With respect to **noun/gerund**,...

According to experts,...
Research has found that...
There are those who argue that
For instance.../ For example.../ such as...

Expressing result & reason:

As a result, .../ As a result of **noun/gerund**,
noun/gerund has led to/ resulted in...
Consequently,.../ Therefore,...
On account of **noun/gerund**/ due to **noun/gerund**
One reason behind this is...

Contrasting:

Although/Even though subject+verb,...
Despite/In spite of **noun/gerund**,...
Despite the fact that subject + verb,...
On the one hand...On the other hand...
However,.../ Nevertheless,.../ Even so...

Concluding:

To sum up,.../ In conclusion,...
All things considered,...
Taking everything into consideration,...
Weighing up both sides of the argument,...
On the whole,.../ By and large,.../ In general,...

Opinion:

As far as I am concerned,...
From my point of view,...
In my opinion,...
My own view on the matter is...