

# 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, ... / Lat 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, ...

According to experts, ...

In terms of noun/gerund, ...

Research has found that...

Not only... but also...

There are those who argue that

With respect to noun/gerund, ...

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...

Although/Even though subject+verb, ...

Consequently, ... / Therefore, ...

Despite / In spite of noun/gerund, ...

On account of noun/gerund / due to noun/gerund

Despite the fact that subject + verb, ...

One reason behind this is...

On the one hand... On the other hand...

However, ... / Nevertheless, ... / Even so...

## Contrasting:

## Opinion:

To sum up, ... / In conclusion, ...

As far as I am concerned, ...

All things considered, ...

From my point of view, ...

Taking everything into consideration, ...

In my opinion, ...

Weighing up both sides of the argument, ...

My own view on the matter is...

On the whole, ... / By and large, ... / In general, ...