

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...