

# HOW TO WRITE

## AN OPINION ESSAY

### Essay Topic

There are parents who don't allow their children to stay out late. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not. Write 120-140 words.

**Introduction-** Say what your essay is about. Express your opinion.

#### 1. A Hook-

**A general fact:** There are many parents who are worried and concerned about their children as they grow older. They're afraid of various possible dangers and refrain from letting their children stay out late at night.

**A personal anecdote:** As a teenager, it seems that growing up is not only my challenge but also my parents'. My parents never/always let me stay out late with friends. I resent/am grateful for that.

**A question:** Have you ever stayed out late with your friends ? Isn't it surprising how many parents refuse letting their children hang out late at night ? Why don't they agree?

**2. Present the subject of your essay:**

-In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I agree\disagree with these parents.

-When discussing the issue of letting your children stay out late, one should ask himself what the benefits/drawbacks are.

**3. Your personal opinion on the matter:**

I think/believe/personally/it seems to me...

**Main paragraphs (Body)**- Support your opinion. Start by saying something general. Add an example or an explanation. Use connectors and useful language. Use Gerund (V+ing) ,if you want to relate to a consequence in the future use 1<sup>st</sup> conditional (if+ present simple, future will+V1 if he studies, he will succeed) , if you want to relate to something that could happen differently now, use 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional (If+ past simple, future past Would+V1 if he studied, he would succeed).

**First**, staying out late can be dangerous. Elaborate- give examples of the different dangers. **I believe** most children don't consider the violent attacks or negative temptations they might face like drinking or smoking. **This is why**, coming home early or at a reasonable hour will keep them safe and out of possible risks/perils/threats.

### **Add another supporting idea**

**Second** , when students are out on school nights, they will perform poorly at school. Elaborate- give examples how. **In other words**, school requires its students to do different assignments, participate and ask questions. **It is known** that students who are out at night are not at home studying or resting. **As a result**, they will be tired during classes the next day. **I have no doubt** that their tiredness and exhaustion will result in lack of concentration and poor grades.

**Conclusion-** Repeat your main arguments. State your opinion using different words. Give some food for thought

In conclusion , **it seems obvious to me** that parents have their children's best interest at heart. They try to protect them as best they can and make sure they will reach their full potential.

Different endings:

**Call for action:** It is time children trusted their parents and listened to them much more. After all, they are the ones with a lifelong experience. (it's time+subject+V2 : to refer to the present)

**A relevant quote or idiom:** Looking at my younger siblings, sleeping safely in their beds helps me understand better how preventing children from staying out late makes both my parents and them more peaceful- a picture paints a thousands words.

**An insight:**

All things considered, there is no doubt in my mind that as a parent, I will not permit my kids to stay out during school nights, will you?

## CONNECTORS

מילות קישור של הוספה	
ו	and
בנוסף ל	in addition (to)
יתר על כן, בנוסף	furthermore
יתר על כן, בנוסף	moreover
בנוסף לכך	besides
גם	also
גם	too
גם, אחר	another
גם, כמו-כן	as well as
מילות קישור המביעות מטרה	
כדי, בכדי ל	in order to
מילות קישור המעידות על דעות אישיות	
לפי דעתי	In my opinion
אני מאמין ש	I believe that
אמי חושב / מרגיש	I think / feel
לפי נקודת המבט שלי	In my view
מילות קישור המראות סיכום	
לסיכום	in conclusion
לסיכום	to conclude
כדי לסכם	to sum up
בקיצור	in short
לבסוף	finally

מילות קישור של רצף / תהליך / סדר כרונולוגי	
ראשון	first
לראשונה, בתחילה	first at
בהתחלה	in the beginning
כהתחלה	to begin / start with
קודם כל	first of all
הבא	next
לאחר מכן, אז	then
מאוחר יותר, אחר-כך	later
אחרי זה	after that, (afterwards)
לבסוף	at last
לבסוף	finally, lastly
בסוף	in the end
ראשית	firstly
שנית	secondly
שלישית	thirdly
מילות קישור של תוצאה	
לכן	so
לכן, לפיכך	therefore
כך	thus
כתוצאה מכך	as a result
מילות קישור להראות דעות מנוגדות	
מצד אחד	on the one hand
מצד שני	on the other hand

מילות קישור המביעות דוגמא	
לדוגמא	for example
לדוגמא	for instance
כגון, למשל	such as
כמו	like
במיוחד	especially
מילות קישור לתאר סיבתיות	
בגלל ש	because
בגלל ש	Because of
מאז	Since
בגלל	due to
מסיבה זו	for this reason
מילות קישור של ניגוד	
אבל	But
אבל, אולם	however
בכל זאת	nevertheless
למרות ש, אף-על-פי ש	although
למרות ש	even though
למרות ש	though
בעוד ש	whereas
בשעה ש	while
על אף ה, למרות ה	in spite of
למרות ה	despite
עדיין, עם זאת, אך	yet

