

Writing an Opinion Essay

Introduction

1. A Hook:

- ✓ **Anecdote**- *last week...*
- ✓ **State a fact** – *use the perfect tenses**
(*have/has+ V3*)
- ✓ **A general statement**
- ✓ **A question**- *Have you ever...? Isn't it surprising how many.... are...today ? or Why do..... need to..... ?*
- ✓ **A surprising fact/statement**- *research shows that.... recent research indicates that...Nowadays, more and more ...it is wildly believed that*

*e.g." stands for the Latin phrase *exempli gratia*, meaning "for example."

2. Introduce the subject

When discussing the issue of...one should ask oneself what/who.... (the benefits/drawbacks are).

Or

When discussing the issue of ... one should ask oneself whether....

Or

When discussing the issue of ... I personally believe....

Or

It has been suggested/ proposed that....

In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I think.../talk about..../ I will explain why I believe...

3. State your opinion (2+3 combined)- *In*

this essay, I will explain the reasons why I believe/don't believe....

I am very much in favor of/against this suggestion/proposal/.

I am inclined to believe that...although many/most people believe that.. I believe the opposite is true...

I, however, am very much against this suggestion/proposal/plan/idea

Anecdote:

Last week/year/ I/ I have always found____. /A few years ago, I faced an unexpected situation- _____. I felt_____. When discussing the issue of _____ I personally believe _____and in this essay, I will explain the reasons why

A question:

Have you ever V3 (e.g. thought) about (Noun)? Isn't it surprising how many ? In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I think/ believe

Stating a fact:

It is common knowledge that (noun) have/has always V3_____
/ It is often claimed that It has been suggested/ proposed that.... I, however, am very much against this suggestion/ proposal/ plan/ idea **or** I am in complete support of it for a variety of reasons.

or

I think anyone who cares about____(Gerund\Noun) can see what has been happening lately. More and more _____. I feel we have to _____ in order to V1_____ for a variety of reasons.

A general statement about a controversial subject:

It seems (noun/subject) has/have always been a social/ political/ Some people (נושא שנוי במחלוקת) believe.....while others disagree. Despite the fact that this is a controversial issue/ suggestion/ proposal/ plan/ idea, I am inclined to agree with the former (the first mentioned of 2 things) / latter (the second mentioned of two things) for a number of reasons.

A controversial topic has been pointed out about whether or not..... In my point of view for several reasons

A surprising fact/statement

Nowadays, more and more .../ it is widely believed that... . Although many/most people believe that.. I believe the opposite is true... **or** I am very much in favor of this suggestion/ proposal and in this essay, I will explain the reasons why.

<p>Supporting Paragraph #1</p> <p>Topic Sentence- use a gerund (V+ING)</p> <p>Provide reasons for your opinion. Explain and elaborate- develop your paragraph with facts and details (evidence). In each paragraph, include your thoughts about the evidence you include</p> <p>The major problem/ drawback/ benefit is...one of the drawbacks/ benefits of...is</p>	<p>First, ing can be/enables .That is to say,_____</p> <p>_____In fact, research shows that_____ such as (the examples should be general) _____. Therefore, it seems to me that, _____. *Furthermore, it is widely known that _____. In other words, _____. As a result, _____</p>
<p>Supporting Paragraph #2</p> <p>Topic Sentence- use 1st/2nd conditional</p> <p>Useful phrases for essays – to develop an argument</p> <p>In order to, In other words, To put it another way, That is to say, To that end, to put it differently , as a result,will result in</p>	<p>Secondly, if pr. Or past Simple , it will/ would _____. To put it differently, _____. Many surveys indicate that_____ for instance (the examples should be general) _____. This can result in/ It can lead to _____</p>
<p>Conclusion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restate your strongest arguments 2. Restate your opinion 3. Draw to a close: <p>In conclusion/ in summary/in closing, it seems to me that.... /all things considered, I think that... /in view of the arguments mentioned above, it's quite clear to me that..</p> <p>Note</p> <p>*in a nutshell/ to sum up- casual phrase</p> <p>✓ <u>Call to action-</u></p> <p>✓ <u>End with an observation/insight</u></p> <p>It also might be a feeling, impression, or message you want to leave with the reader.</p> <p>Note that we use were instead of was with I/ he/ she after I wish/ if only.</p> <p>✓ <u>End with a related quotation/ idiom.</u></p> <p>✓ <u>Suggest a solution</u></p>	<p>In conclusion, in light of the fact that_____ (subject/topic) has many benefits/ drawbacks such as (benefit/drawback 1) and (benefit/drawback 2) . This is why I believe _____ (your opinion). It's time ___/ I wish... (subject+ V2/ would) /If only...(subject+ V2/ would) /_____/ I suggest (subject+V1/ gerund).</p> <p>Examples for concluding sentences:</p> <p><u>Call to action</u></p> <p>I think it's time /it's about time/ it's high time (subject+V2)</p> <p>I believe it's time to</p> <p>it's time for +object+ to</p> <p><u>Observation/ insight</u></p> <p>-I think anyone who cares about (Gerund/noun) may feel that we have to do something in order to....</p> <p>-one/we/____should consider _____ing_____</p> <p>- I <i>Wish/if only</i> + past simple to talk about a present situation we would like to be different.</p> <p>-<i>Wish/if only</i> + would (to talk about the future)</p> <p>--<i>Wish/if only</i> + a past perfect to talk about something we would like to change about the past</p> <p><u>End with an idiom:</u> connect it to the sentence/ paragraph</p> <p>Drastic times call for drastic measures</p> <p>A picture paints a thousand words</p> <p>Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder</p> <p>Every cloud has a silver lining= Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days.</p> <p>A Blessing in disguise- Smt good that isn't recognized at first</p> <p><u>Suggesting a solution</u></p> <p>I suggest (subject pronoun: we etc) (pr. simple) After all, actions speak louder than words.</p>

Notice!

1. Separate Your Paragraphs- skip a line between each paragraph .

Don't start a new line for each new sentence!

2. Remember to state your opinion in the opening paragraph.

The most important part of an opinion essay is YOUR OPINION.

3. Don't Repeat Your Argument. Provide NEW Examples in each paragraph. Make sure that each of your arguments is distinct and different from the others. Points which are very similar to each other should be grouped together as one argument, in the same paragraph! In addition, you must provide examples to support each of your arguments.

4. Use CONNECTORS and Varied Vocabulary - The second, third and fourth paragraphs should each start with a connector. Also, use useful language throughout the essay as well. Using connectors, varied vocabulary will improve your final mark!



