

Paper Structures/ ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Just like any other type of essay, it includes the introduction, the body and conclusion. Give arguments of both sides (for examples, advantages and disadvantages)

The introduction includes:

- The general idea of the topic you are writing about
- The problematic
- The question or you can say (hence, the purpose of this essay is to discuss both the advantages and the disadvantages of technology)

The body includes:

- The 1st paragraph deals with the advantages (positive things)
- The 2nd paragraph discusses the disadvantages (negative things)
- Remember to start each paragraph with a topic sentence (For example, the use of technology has many advantages)
- After the topic sentence, give supporting ideas (for example. First if all, technology facilitates communication)
- Use linking words of addition, cause and effect
- Start the 2nd paragraph with a topic sentence
- To move to the 2nd paragraph, start by a topic sentence and use linking word of contrast of concession (Despite the advantages of technology, it has many disadvantages). Give supporting ideas

The conclusion includes:

- A short summary of the body
- Your opinion (use expression of expressing opinion)
- Or you can suggest solutions
- Or you can be neutral.

Example of an argumentative essay

Topic:

Technology has been widespread in all societies. Everyone is using it for many reasons. Yet, the use of technology has advantages and disadvantages. Write an article to your school magazine about the advantages and the disadvantages of the use of technology.

Introduction (some useful expressions):

- *We all agree on the fact that technology has become common for the 21st century generation.*
 - *No one can deny the importance of technology in our life.*
- Yet. It has benefits and drawbacks*
- *So, what are the advantages and the disadvantages of the use of technology?*

The body (see Record sheet 2)

The conclusion:

- *To sum up/ to conclude/ in brief, technology is a double-edged sword; it has benefits and drawbacks.*
- *In my point of view, ...*

Here is an example:

Computers are important means of communication and information. On the other hand, they have some negative effects on its users. So, what are the advantages and the disadvantages of computers?

*Computers have many advantages. **First of all**, we can communicate with people from different countries. **Besides**, computers help us to keep up with the latest events that happen in the world. **Thanks to that** the internet, everyone can know what happens in Iraq or Syria without watching TV. **In addition to that**, computers are means of entertainment. We can listen to music or play games in our free time.*

***On the other hand**, computers have some drawbacks. **To begin with**, the fact that information has become accessible makes people dependent on the internet. **What is more**, most people spend too much time in front of the computer. They neglect their work or studies. **As a result**, they become addicted. **Moreover**, some websites spread wrong ideas. **Consequently**, people believe in these ideas.*

***To sum up**, computers are double-edged sword. They have benefits and drawbacks. **In my opinion**, people should use computers positively and not negatively.*