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For and Against Essay

Techniques to begin or end an essay

To attract the reader's interest and make the beginning or ending of your essay more effective, you can use some of the following writing techniques:

- a) **address the reader directly** e.g. if you take the time to train your dog, it will learn to obey you.
- b) **Include a quotation** (i.e. a sentence or phrase taken from a book, play, etc.) when we use a quotation, it is necessary to mention the name of the person who said/wrote it e.g. As George Orwell wrote, "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."
- c) **Include a rhetorical question** e.g. Is it true that a dog is man's best friend?

Main body paragraphs

You should start each body paragraph with a **topic sentence** which introduces or summarises the main topic of the paragraph. The topic sentence should be followed by supporting sentences which justify the argument presented in the topic sentence, by giving examples or reasons. You should use linking words/phrases to present your justification, such as: first of all, what is more, for example, because, since, in particular, etc.

e.g. Travelling by train has a lot of advantages. **First of all**, it is comfortable as trains are spacious so there is plenty of rooms to walk about. **What is more**, trains are convenient. **For example**, you do not have to take any food or beverages with you, because most trains have a restaurant. **Finally**, when you travel by train you reach your destination fairly quickly.

Ex1 Read the paragraphs below, and replace the words in bold with synonyms from the list:

For instance, in addition, since, first of all, on the other hand, furthermore

To begin with, it can't be denied that extreme sports are great fun for some people. Believe it or not, they actually get a thrill out of putting their lives at risk y jumping out of a plane without a parachute. **For example**, or by snowboarding