

ESSAY: Useful language and writing tips

Suggested ESSAY outline:

Introduction

Introduce the subject of the essay and present both sides.

Paragraph 2

Present the arguments that agree with the statement (advantages/benefits) and support them with examples.

Paragraph 3

Present the arguments that disagree with the statement (disadvantages/drawbacks) and support them with examples.

Conclusion

Sum up and state your opinion.

1. Use linking words to give examples and opinion.

Openings (introduction)

- *Nowadays, many people believe...*
- *Some people think that but others disagree.*
- *Not everyone, however, is of the same opinion.*

Closings (conclusion)

- *In conclusion, ...*
- *I am convinced that ...*
- *To sum up, ...*
- *I believe ...*
- *In my opinion, ...*

2. Use linking words to add a point:

- ***In addition to*** treating diseases, new medicines can sometimes help to save lives.
- New medicines can help to treat diseases ***as well as*** save lives.

3. Use linking words to express consequence:

- *As a result,*
- *As a consequence, ...*
- *Consequently,*
- *Therefore, ...*

*Many people lie all the time. **As a result / As a consequence / Therefore / Consequently,** nobody believes them even when they tell the truth.*