

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.