

OPINION WRITING

Paragraph plan

Useful language

<p>Paragraph 1: introduce the topic & and state your opinion clearly</p>	<p>To express opinion: <i>I believe, In my opinion/view, I think, I strongly believe, The way I see it, It seems to me (that), As far as I am concerned, I (completely) agree that/with, I (strongly) disagree that/with, I am totally against, I couldn't agree more that/with, I couldn't disagree more that/with</i></p>
<p>Paragraphs 2&3: 1st viewpoint & reasons/examples</p> <p>2^o viewpoint & reasons/examples</p>	<p>To list points: <i>In the first place, First of all, To start with, Firstly, To begin with</i></p> <p>To introduce examples: <i>For example, for instance, such as, in particular, especially</i></p> <p>To add more points: <i>What is more, Another major reason, Also, Furthermore, Moreover, In addition to this/that, Besides, Apart from this, Not to mention the fact that</i></p>
<p>Paragraph 4: give the opposing viewpoint and reasons</p>	<p>To introduce contrasting viewpoints: <i>On the other hand, However, Alternatively, It is argued that, People argue that, Opponents of this view say, There are people who oppose, Contrary to what most people believe, As opposed to the above ideas, In contrast</i></p>
<p>Paragraph 5: well-balanced summary of the topic. Restate your opinion using different words</p>	<p>To conclude: <i>In conclusion, To conclude/sum up, All in all, All things considered, Taking everything into account/consideration</i></p>