

## The for and against essay

When we write an essay giving the pros and cons of a topic, we usually write it in **four** paragraphs.

In the **introduction**, we state the topic. In the main body there are two paragraphs. In the **second** paragraph, we write the pros of the topic giving reasons/ examples and in the **third** paragraph we write the cons giving examples. In the **conclusion** we summarise the topic and write our opinion. We use appropriate linking words to join our ideas.

Paragraph	Parts		Useful phrases
1	Introduction		
2	Main body	Arguments for	on the one hand/ there are several arguments in favour of/ to begin with/ firs/ second/ furthermore/ in addition
3		Arguments against	on the other hand/ however/ there are a number of disadvantages
4	Conclusion		To conclude/ in conclusion/ all in all/ to sum up/

Comment on the following statement.

*Home education is becoming more and more popular. However, some people say it has a number of disadvantages.*

What can you say for and against home education?

Use the following plan:

- Ø Give a general statement of the problem

- Ø Outline the points for
- Ø Outline the points against
- Ø Draw a conclusion weighing up the points outlined

Arguments for	Reasons/ examples
convenient	don't need a fixed timetable, provide a more personalized and adaptable learning environment
the best way of learning for children with special educational needs	give an opportunity to work on just what you want and when you want

Arguments against	Reasons/ examples
attending school teaches us how to socialise with others	learn to get along with students of all ages as well as the teachers
extra- curricular activities such as team sports, the drama club and the school newspaper, are also important	help us how to express our opinions as well as to listen and respect the opinions of others