

Introductions: Food

There are several different ways to write the first paragraph of an essay. The thesis sentence will be the last in the paragraph, and should be specific (related to the topic).

This example is an introduction for a [compare and contrast essay on What the World Eats](#).

One side, other side

Today many people have so much food that obesity is a major problem. However, hundreds of millions of people worldwide still do not have enough to eat. This essay will compare and contrast the types of food that people eat and give reasons for some of these choices.

One side, other side - Alternative

Today, many billions of people are lucky to have a huge variety of food available. Other less fortunate people still live on very restricted diets. This essay will look at some of the differences in what people eat in different parts of the world and examine some of the reasons for this.

Past, Present

In the past, most societies had a limited variety and quantity of food. Food was grown locally and eaten fresh or was stored for later use. Nowadays, however, due to improved communication and the growth of trade and cities, people have access to a huge variety of food. In this essay, I will look at the food choices of families in some parts of the world, and discuss some of the reasons for these choices.

Situation

With over 6.5 billion people on the planet, it is perhaps just as well that we eat different things. The human diet is influenced by geography, climate, culture, and spending power. In this essay, I will look at some of the food choices of families in different parts of the world and discuss the reasons for their choices..

Story / Example

My grandfather never had yogurt, pizza, or Tom Yang Goong. I don't know what he would have thought of balsamic vinegar, Pringles, or McDonalds. He did, however, have buttermilk and potatoes and vegetables from his own farm. His choices were partly cultural, partly geographical, partly social, and partly economic. In this essay I will look at the effect some of these factors have on the choice of foods in some families across the world.

Question

Why do Italians eat tomatoes? Why do the Irish eat potatoes? What did children eat before McDonalds and pizza? This essay will look at some of the geographic, cultural and economic factor which affect people's choice of food worldwide.