

OPINION ESSAYS

- The style is formal. Do not use contractions.
- To put opinions and ideas in order, use *Firstly, To begin with, Secondly, Next, Finally, Lastly.*
- Use linkers to join two halves of a sentence
- To contrast ideas and opinions, use *However, Nevertheless, On the one hand, On the other hand, although, despite, whereas.*
- Explain and justify your opinions with *This is because, The reason is ..., For instance, For example.*
- To add opinions and ideas, use *Furthermore, What's more, In addition.*
- To give a conclusion, use *To sum up, In conclusion, All things considered.*
- Give your opinion with expressions like *Personally, I think, As far as I'm concerned, In my opinion, I agree/disagree with ..., I believe that ...*

Suggested paragraph plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduction. General statement on the topic and state your opinion.

Paragraph 2: First and most important reason for your opinion

Paragraph 3: One or two other reason for your opinions OR other people's arguments against your opinion and why you don't agree with them

Paragraph 4: Summary and conclusion. Restate your opinion.