

Opinion essay

- I paragraph Make an introduction/state the problem.
- II paragraph - Express your personal opinion and give 2-3 reasons for it.
- III paragraph - Express an opposing opinion and give 1-2 reasons for this opposing opinion.
- IV paragraph - Explain why you disagree with the opposing opinion.
- V paragraph - Make a conclusion relating to your opinion.

All teenagers should help with household chores. Do you agree?

1 paragraph - Make an introduction/state the problem.

Since the time immemorial.../For centuries...people have been arguing.../thinking about.../struggling for... /

For years the problem of ... has been one of the most serious.

It has been widely discussed in recent years whether... or not.

People have always wanted...

Today we still... (This problem) is/are getting more and more...

Some people believe/argue/claim... that ..., while others think/believe/argue...

Match viewpoints to reasons \ examples

Viewpoints	Reasons \ examples
1. Teenagers who help out at home will learn valuable skills.	a They are usually under a lot of pressure at school.
2. It's not fair to make teenagers help out at home.	b Many parents lead busy lives too, and don't have time to do everything.
3. It makes sense to share household chores.	c They will learn to be more organised and plan their time better.

II paragraph - Express your personal opinion and give 2-3 reasons for it.

To state your opinion:

I (strongly) believe .../ In my opinion.../ From my point of view...

To list points:

First of all.../ Firstly.../ Secondly.../ Finally...

To give reasons:

...because.../ ...because of.../ ...since.../ ...as.../ ...due to the fact that...

To say about the result:

...as a result.../ ...consequently...

To introduce example:

For example.../ For instance.../ ...such as...

III paragraph –

Express an opposing opinion and give 1-2 reasons for this opposing opinion.

To introduce the opposite opinion:

- However, some people argue...
- On the other hand, many people believe that ... They argue that ... because...
- On the other hand, many people are convinced that...They claim that... because...

IV paragraph - Explain why you disagree with the opposing opinion.

To disagree:

- I strongly disagree with this view, because ... (give a counter-argument)

V paragraph - Make a conclusion relating to your opinion.

- In conclusion.../To sum up...
- Despite other people's opinion, I still believe/argue... that ...

Homework

Choose rubric A, B or C. Write an opinion essay, giving reasons\examples to support your point of view.

A All teenagers should help with household chores.

B Is it a good idea for a child to look after a pet since a young age?

C “Life begins at the end of your comfort zone”

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