

Improving your writing D4 (i) Writing an argument essay

ESSAY TITLE

BRAINSTORM - Jot down ANYTHING you can think of to do with the topic. You can write a list or draw a mind map of your ideas.

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Now order your points under either **A** (arguments in favour) or **B** (arguments against) giving reasons and evidence in the right hand column.

- Below write your 'Arguments in favour' (**A**).
- Turn over to page 3 to write your 'Arguments against' (**B**).

A. Arguments in favour:

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A. Reasons and evidence:

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B. Arguments against

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B. Reasons and evidence:

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THE INTRODUCTION This should clarify/define any important words in the title of your essay and briefly state the main points that will be covered in the essay. These will be expanded in the paragraphs which follow.

Write your introduction here:

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NEXT PARAGRAPH/S - Here you would use all the points you made in the column called 'Arguments in favour', together with the reasons and evidence (in the two columns called 'A' on page 2)

Write your NEXT PARAGRAPH/S below:

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FURTHER PARAGRAPH/S - Here you would use all the points you made in the 'Arguments against' column, together with the reasons and evidence, (in the two columns called 'B' on page 3).

Write your further paragraph/s here:

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WHICH ARGUMENTS ARE STRONGER?

Those for or against or neither?

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

Neither one is stronger

The CONCLUSION - This states which argument is stronger - either those for or those against. If neither seems stronger, this should also be stated.

Write your conclusion here:

In conclusion,

NB Do not introduce any new points or new evidence into your conclusion.