

# A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY...



- ... discusses the advantages and disadvantages of a topic.
- ... is a formal piece of writing
- ... must present both sides of the argument objectively.



## LAYOUT



### 1 Introduction

Introduce the topic. Use an example, a question, a definition, the current state of the situation...

#### USEFUL LANGUAGE

Nowadays, ... / In this day and age, ...

The issue of... is a controversial one...;

It is widely argued/maintained/generally believed that...

### 2 Arguments for

Mention at least 2 or 3 ideas in favour of the topic. Justify them and give reasons and/or examples.

#### USEFUL LANGUAGE

Firstly, let's take a look at...

The main/greatest/first advantage of... is ...

Some are in favour of...

Another/ An additional (major) advantage of... is ...

### 3 Arguments against

Mention at least 2 or 3 ideas against the topic. Justify them and give reasons and/or examples.

#### USEFUL LANGUAGE

The main/most serious/first disadvantage /drawback of...

Some oppose the view that...

It could be argued that...

Some skeptics point out that...

### 4 Conclusion

Summarize the main ideas in your text (do not add any new ideas here!). You can give your opinion, ask the readers for theirs, or simply state that there are different points of view about the topic.

#### USEFUL LANGUAGE

All things considered / Taking everything into account

On balance

The way I see it

It seems to me that...