

# **МНЕНИЕ»**

- **An introduction (stating the topic and your opinion)**
- **A main body (several paragraphs each with a topic sentence presenting a separate viewpoint supported by reasons/examples, and including a paragraph presenting the opposing viewpoint)**
- **A conclusion (restating your opinion in other words)**

# Writing an 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**

- **1 Decide on your opinion before you start writing.** T\F
- **2 Write in semi-formal style.** T\F
- **3 Use present tenses.** T\F
- **4 Include personal examples.** T\F
- **5 State your opinion in the first paragraph only.** T\F
- **6 Use the variety of linking words.** T\F
- **7 State the topic and the introduction.** T\F
- **8 When presenting a new viewpoint, begin a new paragraph.** T\F
- **9 Never include a quotation.** T\F
- **10 Present the opposing viewpoint first.** T\F
- **11 Begin each paragraph however you like.** T\F
- **12 You don't have to support every viewpoint with reasons or examples.** T\F
- **13 State your opinion again in the conclusion.** T\F

# The key:

- 1) t
- 2) t
- 3) t
- 4) f
- 5) f
- 6) t
- 7) t

- 8) t
- 9) f
- 10) f
- 11) f
- 12) f
- 13) t



**All teenagers should  
help with household  
chores.**

**Do you agree?**



**Read the rubric and find the  
key words**

**A magazine is asking for  
opinions on the following:**

**All teenagers should help  
with household chores.**

**Write an essay, giving  
reasons\examples to  
support your point of view**

# **Key words**

**magazine, opinions,  
teenagers, help,  
household chores,  
essay, giving  
reasons\examples**

# **I paragraph –**

## **Make an introduction/state the problem**

- **Since 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...**
- **How does ... influence ...?**



Например,

***Teenagers lead busy lives. They have school, homework, night classes and sports to fill their days. Is it really necessary for teens to help with the household chores as well? In my opinion, no.***

# Arguments

## For

- Teenagers who help out at home will learn valuable skills.
- It's not fair to make teenagers help out at home.
- It makes sense to share household chores.

## Against

- They will learn to be more organised and plan their time better.
- They are usually under a lot of pressure at school.
- Many parents lead busy lives too, and don't have time to do everything.

# **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...**

# Например,

- ***To begin with, it's not fair to make teenagers help out at home because they are usually under a lot of pressure at school. If they have cleaning to do when they get home, when will they find the time or energy to do their homework?***

## **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...**

## Например,

- *In addition, some parents can rely too much on their children to do all the jobs they hate, like weeding the garden. Quite often, children are turned into slaves that work for the benefit of the parents and for little financial reward.*

## **IV paragraph –**

**Explain why you disagree with the opposing opinion.**

### **To disagree:**

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

**Например,**

- ***On the other hand, it makes sense to share the household chores. Many parents also lead busy lives and don't have enough time to do all the jobs that keep a home neat and tidy.***



**V paragraph –**

**Make a conclusion relating to  
your opinion**

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

## Например,

- ***Childhood is a time of learning and every day has something new. If children were forced to work all hours of the day, they would have no time for personal development. After all, as the saying goes, 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.'***