



# Writing an opinion essay



Comment on the following statement.

***Science is the first thing to be financed in the modern world.***

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

**Use the following plan:**

- make an introduction (state the problem paraphrasing the given statement)**
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you don't agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

# Introduction 1

– make an introduction

(state the problem paraphrasing the given statement)

*Nowadays governments face a difficult choice what to invest money in. Some people give the priority to science, while some others are more concerned about other social institutions.*

## Main body 2

– express your personal opinion, give 2–3 reasons for your opinion

*In my opinion*, any country should recognize the primacy of investing money in science to start its development. *To begin with*, scientific achievements are the result of productive work of highly motivated hardworking professionals who are willing to work for the glory and prosperity of their own country. Undoubtedly, their work should be well-paid. *Moreover*, scientists should receive all necessary expensive equipment to do research and make experiments. *Thanks to science*, the economics of the country will progress and its income will rise. It will enable the government to distribute money between other social institutions.

## Main body 3

- express an opposing opinion  
and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion

*However, there are people who claim that many social issues need money investments more than science, for example, building houses to provide people with new flats. It is thought to be true that poor conditions in which many people live spoil the image of the country and its reputation.*

## Main body 4

- explain why you don't agree with the opposing opinion

*Personally, I can only respectfully disagree with the opposing opinion. Scientific approach and new technologies help organize the process of building houses with modern design of flats so that living conditions meet the demands of all citizens.*

## Conclusion 5

- make a conclusion restating your position

*In conclusion, despite other people's opinion, I still believe that the development of the country depends on the development of science. If the government understands the importance of science financing, all people will benefit from it living in a highly- developed country.*

*Nowadays governments face a difficult choice what to invest money into. Some people give the priority to science, while some others are more concerned about other social institutions.*

*In my opinion, any country should recognize the primacy of investing money in science to start its development. To begin with, scientific achievements are the result of productive work of highly motivated hardworking professionals who are willing to work for the glory and prosperity of their own country. Definitely, their work should be well-paid. Moreover, scientists should receive all necessary expensive equipment to do research and make experiments. Thanks to science, the economics of the country will progress and its income will rise. It will enable the government to distribute money between other social institutions.*

*However, there are people who claim many social issues need money investments more than science, for example, building houses to provide people with new flats. It is thought to be true that poor conditions in which many people live spoil the image of the country and its reputation.*

*Personally, I am afraid I cannot agree with the opponents' argument. Scientific approach and new technologies help organize the process of building houses with modern design of flats so that living conditions meet the demands of all.*

*To sum up, despite other people's opinion, I strongly believe that the development of the country depends on the development of science. Undoubtedly, it should be financed first.*



Comment on the following statement.

*Some students think that the most important thing for a teacher is to make studying enjoyable for students.*

**What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?**

**Write 200–250 words.**

**Use the following plan:**

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
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Modern school is developing day by day and teaching methods are highly discussed in our society. Some students claim that teachers should make the education process more interesting while others argue that teachers' concern is to give good knowledge of the subject.

In my opinion, it is very important to make lessons enjoyable for students so that they feel comfortable and become interested in getting knowledge. For example, different games can help students to be concentrated on memorizing difficult rules. Secondly, it is undoubtedly important for a teacher if students attend his lessons with pleasure because they motivate him in making the learning process creative and productive. Definitely, it will influence the students' performance positively.

However, students who do not find learning by fun very appealing think that teachers should make studying more formal and give valuable information to their students. They are sure the key to success is in students' hard work. In other words, the more typical exercises they do the better results they will get.

I totally disagree with these statements. Exciting studying is exactly what both a student and a teacher need. Boring work does not always bring success, as the English proverb says, "All work and no play make Jack a dull boy".

In conclusion, despite other people's opinion, I still believe teachers must do their best to make lessons encouraging for students. If teachers convey the material to students in an easy and effective manner, all participants of the education process will benefit from it.

The idea of enjoyable studying is getting very urgent. Having fun at the lessons has always been popular with some students. Others believe that studying seriously is more profitable.

Personally, I think lessons should be less amusing. Firstly, everybody knows that nowadays students will never pass exams without deep knowledge of school subjects if they do not work hard. Secondly, only industrious students can get necessary ground for their future professional life and helpful attitude to public relations. It is clear that fun and laughter at the lessons cause idleness. As a saying goes, 'There is no gain without pain'.

However, there are students who believe that modern education has to be enjoyable and fun. They claim entertaining lessons support students' interest in studying and help them understand school subjects better. They also argue that amusing lessons encourage them to get more knowledge about different things.

Nevertheless, I do not support these ideas since according to recent reports on education, good strict conservative lessons are really useful and rewarding. As a result, students are encouraged to achieve high levels in life. In addition, such kind of lessons provide creative and improving challenges in studying.

To conclude, I believe it is impossible for students to achieve the highest examination results and support their future if students take their studying easy. That is why I insist on hard work and less enjoyable lesson.

Thank You!