



# ***SUCCESS IN ESSAY WRITING***

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# STEPS TO BETTER WRITING

*Understanding the task:* think carefully about your reasons.

*Planning:* what items and ideas you would choose.

*Writing:*

write in a semi-formal style;

use different ways of expressing a personal opinion.

*Checking:*

Is your composition easy to understand?

Have you answered the questions?

Check the spelling, grammar and the number of words.



# **INTRODUCTION:** first paragraph

*What is your opinion on the topic?*

- 1. Introduces the thesis,** catches the interest, why is the topic important.
- 2. Thesis statement:** background (mention a study, quotation, giving a reference: Experts have studied...

## **Connectors:**

through, via, by...As it said...It is said....

## **Verbs to use:**

research, study, investigate, analyze...

## **DEVELOPMENT:** main body

*Develop the thesis by developing the points:*

1. What is your viewpoint? What are your 2 reasons?
2. What is the opposing viewpoint? What is your reason?
3. Why you don't agree with the opposing opinion? What are your reasons?

### **Connectors:**

Listing points: first, second, third...

Counter: however, even though...

Addition: In addition to, also, related to...

Cause and effect: as a result, therefore...

# **CONCLUSION** :summary paragraph *How will you restate your opinion?*

1. Restate **strongest points or retell thesis**
2. Give your personal **opinion or suggestion**

## **Connectors:**

Summary: *to sum up...Summarizing...To conclude...*

Opinion: *I think that...In my opinion...*

**Verbs to use:** *think, believe, care,agree, disagree...*

# REMEMBER

## WRITING ESSAYS :

1. Thesis + Background
2. Developing points
3. Clear but not very simple tenses
4. Focus on the main idea
5. Use a dictionary



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## EDITING ESSAYS

### **Grammar & Spelling**

1. Read it again
2. Check if it has sense
3. Check subjects, verbs and verb tenses
4. Check grammar and spelling

### **Style & Organization**

1. It has the 3 parts
2. Thesis statement (background)
3. Paragraph format



## EXAMPLE OF THE TASK

You have 40 minutes to do this task. Comment on the following statement.

*Some people think that extreme sports help to build character.*

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

**Write 200–250 words.**

Use the following plan:

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







***Have a good  
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your exam!***

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