

# Types of essays

- Agree/disagree
- Advantages/disadvantages
- To what extent do you agree

- **Question: There is a considerable amount of evidence that increasing car use is contributing to global warming and having other undesirable effects on people's health and well-being.**
- **To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

- Is it a good or bad intro? Why?
- *Nowadays, cars are a very popular way of getting around. Day by day many more people drive cars around but others feel that they cause global warming. Global warming is one of the most serious issues in modern life. They also affect people's health and well-being which is also a serious issue.*

- **Is it a good or bad intro? Why?**
- *Rising global temperatures and human health and fitness issues are often viewed as being caused by the expanding use of automobiles.*
- *This essay agrees that increasing use of motor vehicles is contributing to rising global temperatures and certain health issues.*
- *Firstly, this essay will discuss the production of greenhouse gases by vehicles and secondly, it will discuss other toxic chemicals released by internal combustion engines.*

# Academic essay structure

(might vary depending on the type of essay)

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## Body paragraph two/three : same structure

## Conclusion:

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Prediction for future/ more general statement (if possible).

No new ideas in conclusion

## Cause and solution essay

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- **Paraphrase:** *Rising global temperatures and human health and fitness issues are often viewed as being caused by the expanding use of automobiles.*
- The synonyms used are:
- Increasing- expanding
- Car use - use of automobiles
- Global warming - rising global temperatures
- People's health and well-being - human health and fitness

- **Computers are being used more and more in education. Some people say that this is a positive trend, while others argue that it is leading to negative consequences.**
- Discuss both sides of this argument and then give your own opinion.
- Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.



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# Model intro

- There is **an ever increasing** use of technology, **such as** tablets and laptops, in the classroom. **It is often argued that** this is a **positive development**, **whilst others disagree** and think it will **lead to adverse ramifications** (=opposite/bad outcomes/consequences).
- **This essay agrees that** an increase in technology **is beneficial to both** students and teachers.
- *Or* This essay will discuss both points of view.

## Body paragraph one:

- **Topic sentence:**

There are three main reasons/problems/drawbacks of smth

*Something* has three significant shortcomings.

(Living in a big city has three major drawbacks)

- Firstly,/First of all, (reason/...) + Example
- Secondly,/Moreover, (reason/...) + Example
- Ultimately, (reason/...) + Example
- (Sum up)

## Body paragraph two:

- **Topic sentence:**

However,/On the other hand, there are certain advantages/benefits of smth.

However,/On the other hand, *something* has significant advantages/benefits.

- Firstly,...



- Topic sentences?

- **In conclusion**, while the benefits of technology, particularly the internet, allow students to tap in to limitless sources of information, some still feel that people should be wary of this new phenomenon and not allow it to curb face to face interaction. **However**, as long as we are careful to keep in mind the importance of human interaction in education, the educational benefits are clearly positive.

- Essay at home
- MOOC essay

**Some people argue that it is more important to have an enjoyable job than to earn a lot of money. Others disagree and think that a good salary leads to a better life.**

**Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.**

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- Introduction (2-3 sentences):

1. First introduce the topic. "People have different views about..."

- In the second sentence, mention both views ***and*** your own opinion.

Although there are good arguments in favour of..., I personally believe that...

Body:

- 2. The first view

3. The second view (Make it clear that you agree with this view)

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4. **Conclusion:** summarise both views and your own opinion



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N0YvgDdqu0>

## Basic Structure for Both Sides Essay:

<b>Introduction</b>	First sentence to introduce the general topic Rephrase question Your thesis (This essay discusses [both sides + opinion])
<b>Body paragraphs</b>	Side 1 advantages Side 2 advantages
<b>Conclusion</b>	Opinion State that both are important/has merits State which one is more important/better

# Sample outline statement:

- **Advantages and disadvantages:** this essay will first discuss the (main advantage(s)) followed by an analysis of the (main disadvantage(s)).

- Today's schools should teach their students how to survive financially in the world today.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

- Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.

Parents should not pressure their children to choose a particular profession. Young people should have the freedom to choose a career path they like.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

# Introduction structure

- Paraphrase question
- Thesis statement (your opinion)
- Outline statement

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- **I totally/completely agree...**
- **I totally/completely disagree...**
- **I mostly/partly agree/disagree...**
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- Structure your essay
- Then you can structure your essay. Here are some templates for you!
- **I totally/completely agree...**
- Introduction: State that you totally agree with the view in the question.
- Body paragraph 1: State why you agree.
- Body paragraph 2: State why you agree.
- Body paragraph 3: State why you agree or explain why the opposite view is wrong.
- Conclusion: Restate your view.
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- **I totally/completely disagree...**
- Introduction: State that you totally disagree with the view in the question.
- Body paragraph 1: State why you disagree.
- Body paragraph 2: State why you disagree.
- Body paragraph 3: State why you disagree or explain why the opposite view is wrong.
- Conclusion: Restate your view.

- **I mostly/partly agree/disagree...**
- Introduction: State the points that you agree with and the points that you disagree with.
- Body paragraph 1: State why you agree with some of the points.
- Body paragraph 2: State why you disagree with some of the points.
- Conclusion: Restate your view.



## Discuss both sides (and give your opinion)...

### Sample Question:

Some people prefer to save money. Others prefer to use their money on things they will enjoy. What is the best approach towards money? Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Organization	Tips
<p>You'll need three body paragraphs:</p> <p><b>Body Paragraph 1:</b> Discuss the first "side" of the issue</p> <p><b>Body Paragraph 2:</b> Discuss the second "side" of the issue</p> <p><b>Body Paragraph 3:</b> Give your opinion</p>	<p>In body paragraphs 1 and 2, you need to present both sides of the argument in a fair and balanced way. Don't support one side over the other in the first two paragraphs.</p> <p>When you express your opinion in the third body paragraph, you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Choose one side over the other very directly.</li><li>- Point out a problem or limitation to one of the sides</li><li>- Show how one side is best in one situation, while the other side is best in another situation.</li></ul> <p><b>Be careful!</b> Sometimes you are not asked to provide your opinion. In these cases, you should simply discuss both sides of the argument and that's all!</p>

- **Topic Presentation:**

- In this first sentence of your introduction, you simply need to paraphrase the topic described in your question prompt. In other words, find a way to accurately state the topic in your own words. Try to avoid using the same words and phrases as the prompt.

- **Thesis:**
- After presenting the topic, you need to provide your perspective on it. This is your thesis. It is a sentence that expresses the main idea of your essay. At a minimum, you need to provide a general answer the question prompt in your thesis: “I believe that...”, or “I agree that...”. A really great thesis also introduces the main ideas of each body paragraph in a general way. Take a look at the sample essay below. Notice how the thesis introduces the main idea of both body paragraphs.

- **Important!** You MUST answer the essay question directly in your thesis. Students sometimes lose points because their thesis does not answer the question directly enough. Read your question prompt carefully and make sure your essay will answer every part of the question.

Parents should not pressure their children to choose a particular profession. Young people should have the freedom to choose a career path they like.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

*Some parents may worry that pushing their children towards a particular career could be harmful. While I agree it is unwise to predetermine a child's profession, parents should still offer guidance through open communication.*

*Young people need freedom to make choices, especially when it comes to their careers.*

*Even parents who agree with this idea may still feel some anxiety about it. Ultimately, most parents hope their children will be financially secure. Deep down some parents may also want their children to choose prestigious careers, or jobs that will impact society in some way. These wishes are normal and not necessarily harmful. Yet, it can be problematic if these desires turn into firm expectations. In such cases, the main motivation for a child becomes fear of disappointing her parents. It can lead to resentment if she spends her life doing something she doesn't enjoy. With freedom to explore, by contrast, she can take ownership of her career decisions and develop internal motivation to reach her goals.*

*Yet, offering a child freedom does not imply that parents should be absent.*

*To the contrary, parents should strive to foster open communication about career decisions. If a child's aspirations do not line up with his parents' wishes, he may fear that approaching them could lead to judgment and confrontation. However, if he feels that his parents will listen carefully and maintain an open attitude, he may let down his guard and welcome their feedback. When this happens, parents can provide guidance and, importantly, even critiques of their child's plans. In this way, open communication creates opportunities for young people to benefit from their parents' wisdom and experience.*



- *In conclusion, even though parents should avoid pressuring their children to follow specific career paths, they should not abandon the discussion. Parents should strive to create an environment where they can offer caring guidance through open communication.*