

FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

A for and against essay is usually about a topic which is quite controversial. This type of essay presents both sides of the issue and then states which side of the issue the writer agrees with.

<p>Opening: States the issue</p> <p>Body: Presents arguments for and against, giving examples</p> <p>Closing: Summarises the topic and states the writer's opinion</p>	<p>Should smoking be banned in public places?</p> <p>Recently, many countries in Europe have banned smoking in public places. This is an issue which most people have clear opinions about.</p> <p>On the one hand, smokers are furious. They feel the ban affects their personal liberty. They say that they have the right to smoke wherever they want. Furthermore, they claim that smoking is no more dangerous than drinking.</p> <p>On the other hand, most non-smokers are very pleased. They are happy that they can eat in restaurants without breathing in smoke. Moreover, doctors say this law will improve everyone's health.</p> <p>Personally, I think the law is a good thing. Smokers who want to smoke can take their cigarettes outside.</p>
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Opening:

Write three or four lines giving a general idea of the topic but without giving your opinion.

Body:

Two separate paragraphs giving for and against arguments about the topic. Don't forget to give examples, add information or contrast ideas.

-We can introduce by saying: one major advantage/disadvantage of.../ one point of view in favour of/against of... One the one hand, / on the other hand,

- To sequence the ideas:

In the first place, / firstly,

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Secondly,

Thirdly,

Finally,/Last but not least,

- Add information by using : furthermore, / moreover, / besides, ...

-Contrast ideas: however, / nevertheless,/ in contrast,

-Give examples to support your ideas: for example,/ for instance, ...

Closing:

State your opinion about the topic in two or three lines. Use phrases like:

Personally, I think...

To sum up, ...

In conclusion, ...

All in all,...