

## OPINION ESSAY

<b>PARAGRAPH 1</b> Introduce the topic and give your opinion. Say whether you agree or disagree with the statement.
<b>PARAGRAPH 2</b> Give a reason to support your opinion.
<b>PARAGRAPH 3</b> Give a second reason to support your opinion.
<b>PARAGRAPH 4</b> Summarize your ideas and repeat your opinion using different words.

<b>BASIC DOS IN WRITING AN OPINION ESSAY</b>
Introduce each paragraph with a topic sentence, outlining the main ideas.
Do not write about advantages or disadvantages or points for or against.
Write in formal style.

<b>BASIC DON'TS IN WRITING AN OPINION ESSAY</b>
Don't use colloquial expressions.
Don't use short forms.
Don't use emotive vocabulary.
Don't give personal examples.

## EXPRESSIONS AND LINKERS YOU CAN USE

<b>EXPRESSING OPINIONS</b>	
In my opinion, ...	<i>En mi opinión...</i>
Personally, I think/ I believe (that)...	<i>Personalmente, creo que...</i>
I strongly believe that...	<i>Creo firmemente que...</i>
It is clear (to me) that...	<i>Me parece evidente que...</i>
I (completely) agree/disagree with ...	<i>Estoy (totalmente) de acuerdo/ en desacuerdo con...</i>
It seems to me that...	<i>Me parece que..</i>
As I see it, ...	<i>Como yo lo veo...</i>
In my view,...	<i>Desde mi punto de vista,...</i>
From my point of view, ...	<i>Desde mi punto de vista,...</i>
As far I am concerned, ...	<i>En cuanto a lo que a mí respecta,...</i>
I am sure/ convinced that ...	<i>Estoy seguro / convencido de que...</i>
I (dis)agree with the statement, because ...	<i>Estoy de acuerdo/ en desacuerdo con la afirmación porque...</i>

<b>GIVING REASONS</b>	
My main reason is.../Another reason...	<i>Mi razón principal es.../ Otra razón es...</i>
One reason for... is ....	<i>Una razón para.... es....</i>
Many people say/ believe that...	<i>Mucha gente dice/ piensa que..</i>
Because...	<i>Porque...</i>
Since...	<i>Puesto que/ ya que...</i>
Because of/ due to...	<i>Debido a...</i>

<b>EXPRESSING FACTS</b>	
It is widely known that...	<i>Es ampliamente conocido que..</i>
It is a well-known fact that ...	<i>Es un hecho bien conocido que...</i>
Research has shown that...	<i>La investigación ha demostrado que...</i>

There are definitely...	<i>Definitivamente hay...</i>
It is a fact that...	<i>Es un hecho que...</i>
It is clear/ true that...	<i>Está claro que/ es verdad que...</i>
For example/ for instance,...	<i>Por ejemplo,...</i>

<b>ADDING IDEAS</b>	
What is more,...	<i>Y lo que es más,..</i>
Moreover/ furthermore/ in addition (to)	<i>Además,...</i>
Firstly,...	<i>En primer lugar,...</i>
First of all,...	<i>En primer lugar,...</i>
Secondly,..	<i>En segundo lugar,..</i>
Thirdly,...	<i>En tercer lugar,..</i>
Lastly,...	<i>Por último,..</i>
Finally,...	<i>Finalmente,...</i>

<b>EXPRESSING CONTRAST (LINKERS OF CONTRAST)</b>	
ALTHOUGH ( <i>aunque</i> )	<i>Although I was feeling depressed, I went to the party.</i>
DESPITE ( <i>a pesar de</i> )	<i>Despite the rain, I went to the party.</i>
IN SPITE OF ( <i>a pesar de</i> )	<i>In spite of the rain, I went to the party.</i>
WHEREAS ( <i>mientras que</i> )	<i>Adults can make their own decisions, whereas teenagers have to do what other people tell them.</i>
HOWEVER ( <i>sin embargo</i> )	<i>Mike is a very good singer. However, he can't play any instruments.</i>
IN CONTRAST	
BUT ( <i>pero</i> )	<i>Their music is very good. But, their lyrics are not very interesting.</i>
ON THE ONE HAND..... ON THE OTHER HAND ( <i>por una parte.... por la otra</i> )	<i>On the one hand, they are extremely rich. But on the other hand, they have lots of debts.</i>

<b>EXPRESSING PURPOSE (LINKERS OF PURPOSE)</b>	
We use linkers of purpose to introduce reasons:	
SO (THAT) ( <i>para</i> )	<i>I have brought a microphone so that the audience will be able to hear us.</i>
IN ORDER TO ( <i>para</i> )	<i>We need to register with the council in order to vote.</i>
TO ( <i>para</i> )	<i>I am phoning to ask information about the event.</i>
SO AS TO( <i>para</i> )	<i>We all need to vote so as to express our opinions.</i>

<b>CONCLUDING THE ESSAY</b>	
TO SUM UP,...	<i>Para resumir...</i>
TO CONCLUDE,...	<i>Para concluir...</i>
IN CONCLUSION,...	<i>En conclusion...</i>
IT IS CLEAR THAT...	