

For-and-against essays/ Plan:

(Para 1) State the **topic**/state that

there are both arguments for and against.

(Para 2) **Topic sentence** (There are number of arguments for keeping animals in captivity)/**2 arguments for**

&reasons/results/examples/elaboration.

(Para 3) **Topic sentence** (However, there are certain drawbacks to keeping animals in captivity)/

2 arguments

against&reasons/results/examples/elaboration.

(Para 4)**Summarize** and/or **state your opinion**

You have had a class discussion about video games. Now your teacher has asked you to write an essay discussing the pros and cons of children playing video games (120-180 words).

At one time people seemed to be against children playing video games. Lately, though, experts have taken a more positive view. So, what exactly are the advantages and disadvantages of computer games?

Without a doubt, playing video games offers certain benefits. To start with, youngsters develop logic and problem-solving skills. This means that they learn to overcome real life difficulties better, too. Furthermore, video games provide relief from stress. For example, if a child is sitting a difficult exam, playing a game afterwards can help them relax.

On the other hand, there are certain drawbacks to playing video games. First, video games are extremely addictive and time-consuming. As a result, players may neglect schoolwork, physical exercise or even forget to eat properly. In addition, some people claim there is too much violence in some video games. This can make players insensitive to the pain and suffering of others.

All in all, there are both advantages and disadvantages to playing computer games. I believe that video games can be entertaining and provide stress relief provided children enjoy them in moderation.

Essays suggesting solutions to a problem

(Para 3) 2nd suggestion and possible result

Plan:

(Para 4) 3^d suggestion and possible result

(Para 1) state **problem & causes**/state that **there are solutions**

(Para 5) **restate problem/give your opinion**

(Para 2) 1st **suggestion** and **possible result**

MODEL ESSAY:

You have had a class discussion about rubbish on the streets. Write an essay for your teacher suggesting ways that we can help to fight this problem and mentioning the possible results (150-180 words).

Nowadays, rubbish on the streets is a serious problem in many cities and towns. This is because many people are too careless or lazy to dispose of it responsibly. However, there are several solutions to the problem.

Firstly, we should try to recycle more. This way, we will reduce our rubbish and the streets will be much cleaner and tidier.

Moreover, we could pick up rubbish lying on the streets instead of ignoring it. By doing this, we set a good example for others and they will hopefully learn to do the same.

Another solution would be to create a local group for picking up rubbish in our neighbourhood. As a result, neighbourhoods would be kept in better condition.

To sum up, it is true that street rubbish is a problem in many areas. Nevertheless, I believe that if we all work together responsibly, we can make our neighbourhoods cleaner, better places to live in.