

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

Plan:

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

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

(Para 3) 2nd suggestion and possible result

(Para 4) 3^d suggestion and possible result

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

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 (120-180 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 can 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.

Last of all, we can create a local group for picking up rubbish in our neighbourhood. As a result, neighbourhoods will 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.

Opinion essay/Paragraph plan:

INTRODUCTION:

Paragraph 1: State the topic and your opinion clearly

MAIN BODY:

Paragraph 2: viewpoint (argument) 1 and justification (αιτιολόγηση)/ reason, result, example, elaboration

Paragraph 3: viewpoint (argument) 1 and justification (αιτιολόγηση)/ reason, result, example, elaboration

Paragraph 4: give the opposing viewpoint and justification and/or why you do not accept it

CONCLUSION:

Final paragraph: restate your opinion using different words.

MODEL ESSAY

People spend too much time and money on fashion. Do you agree or disagree?

Write an essay presenting and justifying your opinion. 150-180 words

Every season, the great fashion houses of Europe and America present their collections in the hope of persuading people to renew their wardrobes by purchasing the latest designs. In my opinion, one does not have to be a slave of fashion in order to look smart.

To start with, following the latest trends in fashion can be extremely expensive. This is especially true for those who buy costly designer clothing. There is also the risk of getting into debt in order to keep up with the latest fashions.

In addition to this, followers of fashion often give up their individuality for the sake of fashion. They choose clothes which suit neither their figures nor their personalities. This is unfortunate, as the way we dress should reflect who we really are.

On the other hand, some people argue that it is necessary to dress fashionably in order to create the correct image for their careers. This is particularly true of those who work with the public, as they reflect the image of their company. This does not mean that the latest fashions are the most appropriate, however. Simple but well-made clothes are almost always the best choice for business wear.

To conclude, I strongly believe that it is advisable to dress with style by choosing good quality clothes which suit you as an individual and have lasting elegance. As the famous designer Coco Chanel put it, "Fashion is made to become unfashionable." So instead of changing your wardrobe constantly, isn't it better to build up a collection of clothes which you can always wear?