



Advantages/Disadvantages

+/- ESSAY

INTERMEDIATE

Structuring an essay - Some examples of how to start your paragraphs.

INTRODUCTION

Background

B

Over the past few decades/years, _____ [topic] **has/have** _____ [past participle]

Issue

I

Currently, _____ [paraphrase argument from question]

Thesis

T

This essay will discuss the advantages and examine the drawbacks of this trend/issue.

BODY PARAGRAPH/Advantages

Topic Sentence

T

There are obvious advantages of _____ [topic- noun phrase]

Idea

I

The most important one is, _____ [sentence]

Explain/Example

E

[explain] _____ **For example,** _____

Idea

I

The second benefit is, _____

Explain/Example

E

[explain] _____

BODY PARAGRAPH/Disadvantages

Topic Sentence

T

Despite the benefits, there are also a variety of arguable drawbacks.

Idea

I

Firstly, _____ [sentence]

Explain/Example

E

[explain] _____

Idea

I

Secondly, _____

Explain/Example

E

[explain] _____

CONCLUSION

Restate Thesis

R

In conclusion, it is clear that there are [advantages/disadvantages] but there are also [negative/positive] impacts that should not be ignored.

Recommendation

R

In the future, _____ [needs to, should, must]