



Discussion

INTERMEDIATE

DISCURSIVE ESSAY

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, some people argue that _____ [paraphrase argument from question] _____
 but there are others who advocate _____ [opposite argument] _____

Thesis **T** This essay will discuss both views (and offer an opinion)

SIDE A

Topic Sentence **T** There are several reasons why people believe _____ [topic - sentence] _____

Idea **I** The most important one is, _____ [sentence] _____

Explain/Example **E** [explain] _____ . **For example,** _____

Idea **I** Another reason is, _____

Explain/Extend **E** [explain] _____ [extend] _____

SIDE B

Topic Sentence **T** Despite these beliefs, there are others who think that _____ [opposite argument] _____

Idea **I** Firstly, _____ [sentence] _____

Explain/Extend **E** [explain] _____ [extend] _____

Idea **I** Secondly, _____

Explain/Extend **E** [explain] _____ [extend] _____

CONCLUSION

Opinion **R** In conclusion, it may seem that _____ but I think that _____

Recommendation **R** In the future, _____ [needs to, should, must] _____