

Homework:

Task 1: Opinion Essay (C2)

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What is your opinion?

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion

- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you don't agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

PLAN YOUR OPINION ESSAY

Essay Model	
The 1 st paragraph	Some people think that... At the same time, others consider that...
The 2 nd paragraph	I agree with the point of view that ... First of all, ... Besides, ... What is more, ...
The 3 rd paragraph	Nevertheless, we can find a contrary opinion. Some people are sure that ...
The 4 th paragraph	However, I cannot agree with this opinion completely because
The 5 th paragraph	According to the arguments presented above, I can note...

Bank of arguments

Opinions	Arguments
Newspapers and TV news programs help us to learn about current events best of all.	It is convenient for old people who cannot use the Internet.
	These kinds of mass media are more responsible for their materials than the Internet resources.
	Newspapers and TV news programs represent a really sure method because sometimes the Internet is not available.
The Internet is the fastest and the most effective way to find out what is happening all over the world.	The Internet provides us with wide range of news resources.
	You can have access to the Internet everywhere even on the bus or in a café.
	We can use foreign resources and we can get information very quickly if we know foreign languages.

Quotations and proverbs

I would not know how I am supposed to feel about many stories if not for the fact that the TV news personalities make sad faces for sad stories and happy faces for happy stories. (*Dave Barry*)

A news sense is really a sense of what is important, what is vital, what has color and life - what people are interested in. That's journalism. (*Burton Rascoe*)

Internet is so big, so powerful and pointless that for some people it is a complete substitute for life. (*Andrew Brown*)

In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation. (*Voltaire*)

A newspaper has three things to do. One is to amuse, another is to entertain and the rest is to mislead. (*Ernest Bevin*)

Journalism is popular but it is popular mainly as fiction. Life is one world, and life seen in the newspapers is another. (*Gilbert Keith Chesterton*)