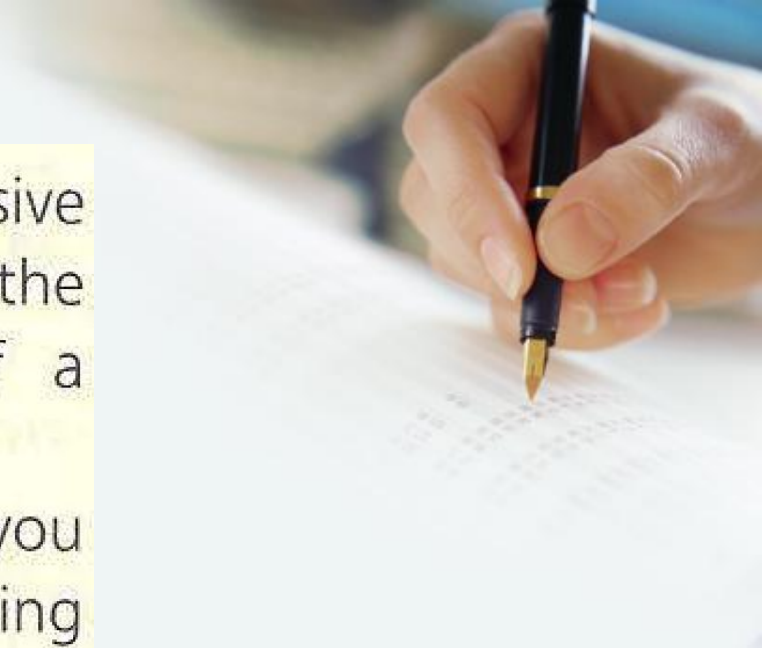




FOR-and-AGAINST ESSAYS

A **for-and-against essay** is a discursive essay in which you consider the advantages and disadvantages of a specific topic. It should consist of:

- an introduction in which you present the topic without giving your opinion.
- three main body paragraphs. In each paragraph you present one point, with the for and against arguments for that point, and with justifications.
- a conclusion in which you summarise the topic.

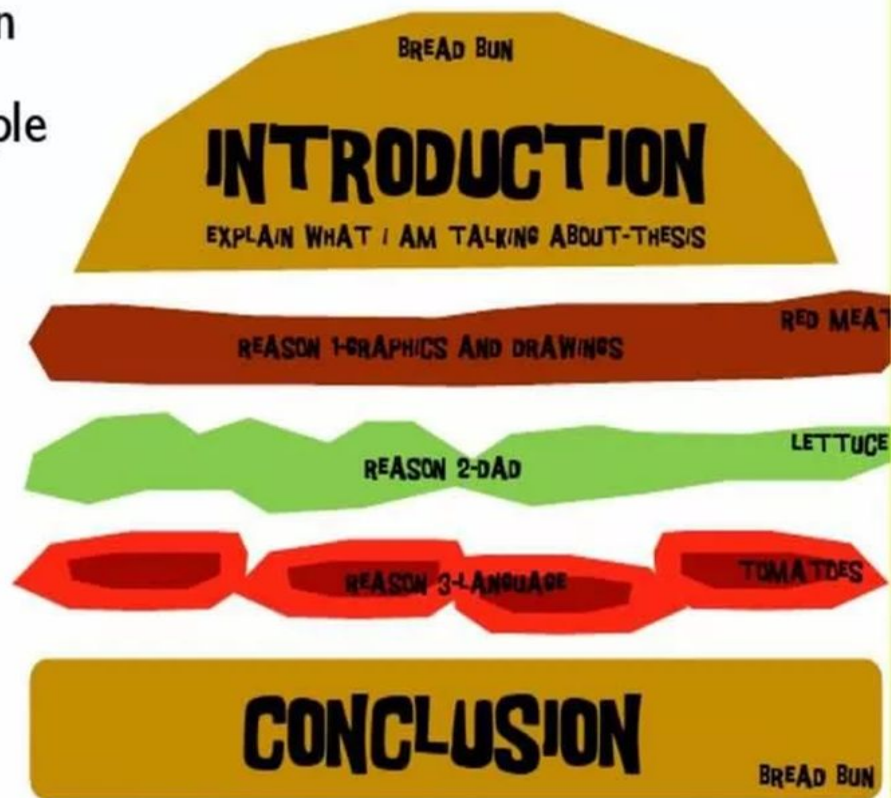


It looks just like me, right?



State
Explain
Example
Draw

PLAN



For-and-against essays are written in a formal, impersonal style, avoiding informal language (short forms, colloquial language, etc). You can begin and end a for-and-against essay with any of the following techniques:

- **Address the reader directly**

If you never get out of breath or feel your heart beating, you're not doing enough exercise in your life.

- **Include a quotation**

As the great tennis player Billie Jean King said, "Champions keep playing until they get it right."

- **Include a rhetorical question** (a question that expects no answer)

Does following sport truly bring people together, or does it divide them?



Brainstorm the ideas

Why are you learning English?

make new friends

it's
fun

travel
the
world

enjoy
English
music

improve job and
employment
opportunities

School or
university

make more
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watch
movies

love &
romance



health

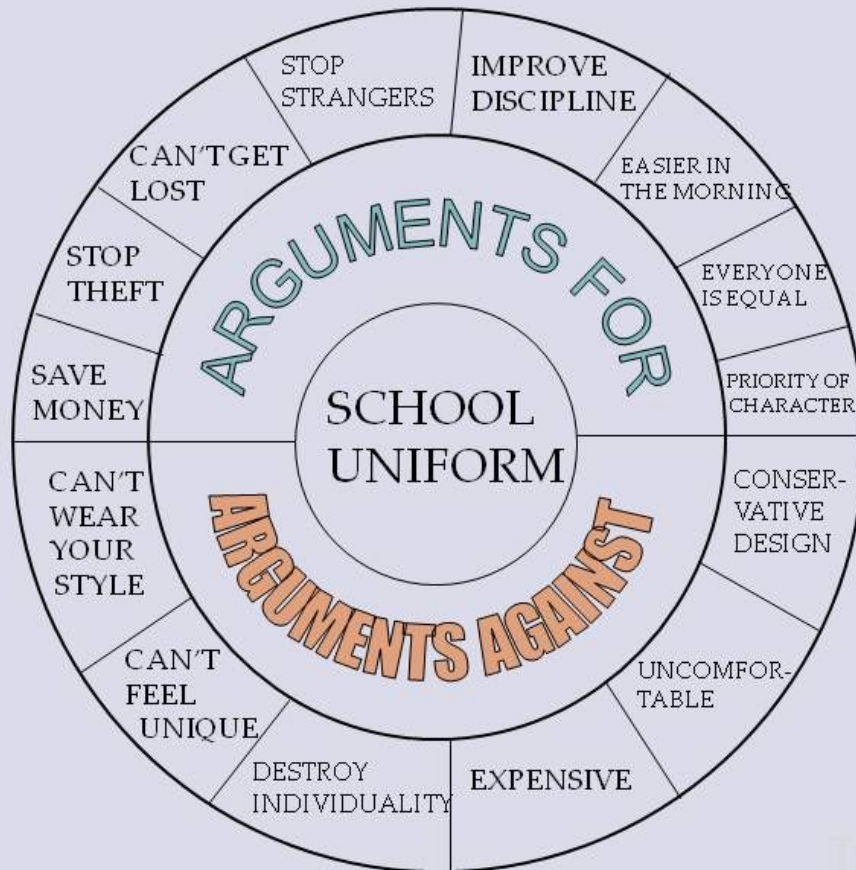
effect on schoolwork

**ASPECTS OF
AFTER-SCHOOL
SPORTS CLUBS**

character development

career prospects

School Survey



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Introduction. Useful phrases

- A lot of people think that...
- We all know that...
- As a general rule...
- It is popularly believed that...
- Many people are in favour of...
- Can you imagine...?
- Have you ever thought of... ?
- There are both advantages and disadvantages...



Linking words



Listing/Adding points

In the first place, To start/begin with, Firstly, Secondly, Thirdly, Finally, In addition (to this), Furthermore, Moreover, Besides, etc.

Introducing examples/reasons/results

for example/instance, such as, like, in particular, therefore, for this reason, because, as, since, as a result, etc.

Showing contrast

On the other hand, However, still, but, Nonetheless, Nevertheless, Although, Even though, In spite of/Despite (the fact that), etc.

Introducing a conclusion

In conclusion, To conclude/sum up, All in all, All things considered, Taking everything into account/ consideration, etc.

Choose the right word



- 1 Nevertheless/Even though higher education costs a lot, it is worth it.
- 2 An additional advantage/Finally is that it broadens one's mind.
- 3 Despite/Besides being difficult, it is something that everyone should do.
- 4 She found it extremely hard. Still/In spite of, she continued to work at it.
- 5 Since/As a result, students are better prepared for the real world.
- 6 In spite of/Despite the fact that studying hard, he still failed his exams.

Choose the right word

- 1 More institutions should be funded by the state. For instance,/What's more, care homes for the elderly should be made more affordable.
- 2 While the new property tax has some disadvantages, on the whole/on the contrary, I believe it is a necessary measure.
- 3 Unemployment benefit is for a limited period only. **To begin with**,/Furthermore, you are not eligible if you resign from a job.
- 4 A serious/**major** advantage of free schooling is that it provides equal educational opportunities for everyone.
- 5 In this country you must be 18 to drive a car. **Finally**,/However, you can get a motorcycle licence at the age of 16.
- 6 The greatest/heaviest disadvantage of prisons is that they breed criminality.



Match the beginnings and endings



1 Should we force children who aren't sporty to take part in competitive sports at school? Some schools think not and have decided to put an end to competitive sports.

2 Ask some young people who their heroes are and you will find many of them will name sportspeople.

3 The Olympic Games last for just a couple of weeks every four years, so can any city justify spending billions of pounds on hosting the event?

- a All things considered, if it gives people new sports facilities and transport services and inspires them to get involved in sport, who could argue against such an investment?
- b In conclusion, winning and losing are part of life. As American football coach Vince Lombardi said, "The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. That's real glory."
- c To sum up, on the whole athletes provide positive role models. Imagine the huge amounts of dedication and personal sacrifice it took for your favourite sports star to succeed in the professional arena.

Beginnings or endings?



A To conclude, I believe that the world's rainforests must be given international protection. As, in the words of an Indian prophesy, "only after the last tree has been cut down ... the last river has been poisoned ... the last fish caught, only then will you find that money cannot be eaten."

B Did you know that the world's population is expected to reach some 9 billion by the year 2050? Many people believe that the food we grow can feed an extra 3 million mouths. However, others argue that current evidence suggests otherwise.

C To sum up, we all know how difficult it can be for students to adjust to a new environment when they decide to study abroad. Despite this, I believe that studying abroad expands our world view and appreciation of other cultures.