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## **An argumentative essay**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

An argumentative essay is an essay in which you agree or disagree on an issue , using reasons to support your opinion . Your goal is to convince your reader that your opinion is right . Argumentation is a popular kind of essay question because it forces students to think on their own : They have to take a stand on an issue , support their stand with solid reasons , and support their reasons with solid evidence .

### **The main aims:**

1. To present a view point.
2. To argue in such a way as to persuade the reader to agree with you.
3. To attempt to solve a problem.
4. To discuss a particular problem without necessarily arriving at a solution.

## **ORGANIZATION**

Organizing your arguments effectively will help you convince readers to agree with the ideas and opinions you present in your writing . In an argumentative essay, you do not just give reasons to support your point of view. You must also discuss the other side's reasons and then rebut them . Rebut means to point out problems with the other side's supporting reasons in order to prove that your opponent's opinion is not right . Rebuttals are one of the key elements that a writer needs to organize in an argumentative essay .

## **THE ELEMENTS OF AN ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY**

An argumentative essay contains five key elements :

- An explanation of the issue
- A clear thesis statement
- A summary of the opposing arguments
- Rebuttals to the opposing arguments

- Your own arguments You can organize the elements of an argumentative essay in several ways . You can use a block pattern or a point - by - point pattern .

## **THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH**

There are several ways to write an introductory paragraph for an argumentative essay . However , you may also begin an argumentative essay with a more engaging introduction — for example , with surprising statistics , a memorable quotation , or a dramatic story . If you write an attention - getting introduction , you may need to explain the issue in a second introductory paragraph and write your thesis statement at the end of this ( the second ) paragraph.

## **STATISTICS AS SUPPORT**

When you write an argumentative essay , you need to support your opinion with strong supporting details .. Another kind of support that can be particularly helpful in argumentative writing is statistics , sets of numbers that show patterns of events or behaviors . Statistics are especially useful in argument because they are fact - based and hard to argue .

### **Types of Sentences**

A clause is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb.

Clauses	Not clauses
Ecology is a science	to protect the environment
because pollution causes cancer	after surviving a long illness

### **Independent and dependent clauses**

There are two kinds of clauses: independent and dependent.

#### **Independent clauses:**

An independent clause contains a subject and a verb, and often a complement. It expresses a complete thought and can stand alone as a sentence.

Subject	Verb	Complement
The sun	rose	
Water	evaporates	Rapidly in warm climate zones

**Dependent clauses:**

A dependent clause is formed with a subordinator, such as *when, if, that, or who*. It also has a subject, a verb, and sometimes a complement. A dependent clause does not express a complete thought and cannot stand alone as a sentence. Using a dependent clause as a complete sentence is an error, referred to as a *sentence fragment*.

Subordinators	Subject	verb	Complement
When	The sun		
Because	Water	evaporates	Rapidly in warm climates zones
Whom	the votes	elected	
If	the drought	continues	for another year

A few of the most common subordinators follow:

Subordinators				
After	Before	That	When	Which
Although	Even though	Though	Whenever	While
As, just as	How	Unless	Where	Who
As if	If	Until	Wherever	Whom
As soon as	Since	what	whether	Whose
because	So that			



saltwater.

- with a semicolon

Saltwater boils at a higher temperature than freshwater; food cooks faster in saltwater.

## Coordinators

There are seven coordinators, which are also called coordinating conjunctions. You can remember them by the phrase FAN BOYS (For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So)

Coordinators (coordinating conjunctions)		
Coordinators	Meaning / use	examples
For	To add reasons	Japanese people live longer than many other nationalities, for they eat healthful diet
And	To add similar. Equal idea	They eat a lot of fish and vegetables, and they eat lightly
Nor	To add a negative, equal idea	They do not eat a lot of red meat, nor do they eat many dairy products
But	To add opposite idea	Diet is one factor in how long people live, but it is not the only factor
Or	To add alternative possibility	However, people should limit the amount of animal fat in their diets, or they risk getting heart disease
Yet	To add an unexpected or surprising	Cigarette smoking is a factor in longevity, yet some smokers live long lives.
So	continuation	Doctors say that stress is another longevity factor, so try to avoid stress if you wish to live a longer life.