**Opinion Essay - info☻**

**Composition - expressing an opinion**

1. **Plan before you write.**

Make a list of the important points on both sides and then make your decision at the end. You talk about the subject from one point of view only.

1. Don’t get emotional.
2. Use “I” as little as possible. Then your ideas will look more like facts.
3. **Form**

* Introduction and restatement of the question
* Viewpoints FOR + reasons
* AGAINST - introduce contrasting viewpoint(s) and explain WHY you do not agree
* Conclusion

Use 3-5 paragraphs separated with a free line. Each paragraph must be more than one sentence. Each paragraph should present a separate viewpoint.

Do not use informal style or strong language.

1. **Useful expressions:**

First of all,.... /Firstly, ....

In addition, .../Moreover, .../Furthermore, ...

So, ..../As a result, .../Therefore, ...

However, .../On the other hand, .../In contrast, ...

In conclusion,.../To sum up, .../On the whole, ...

One of the (dis)advantages of .................. is ....

The main (dis)advantage of .............. is ...

The main drawback/problem with ............... is .....

A further advantage of/problem with ............. is .....

1. **Write your composition, giving your opinion a justifying your points of view.**
2. **Write 150-220 words**

**Assessment:**

* overall impression (=positive effect on the target reader)
* relevant content
* organisation and cohesion, linking words
* grammar and vocabulary