

# WRITING AN OPINION ESSAY

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Look at the sample task and circle the best options for the essay.

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## WHICH IS BETTER AND WHY?

### Introduction

A. Nowadays, a great number of educators believe that mobile phone use in class can be beneficial, while others are sceptical about it.

B. The use of mobile phones in the classroom is a good thing. I think it is great because it is funny.

### Paragraph 2

A. Mobile phones can help motivation because it is funny to use the phones and we like it. Students will be happy and this is good for the teacher.

B. One argument in favour is that mobile phone use can boost students' motivation. It enables playing interactive games, revising activities in a funnier way, and therefore is welcomed by the students. For instance, teachers might project quizzes and the learners can participate using a code.

### Paragraph 3

A. A bad thing about mobile phones is the screen time it can be really distracting for them so maybe using screens in class as well could be adding up to this, rather than promoting alternative ways to learn and therefore, limiting screen time needs to be addressed.

B. However, students, especially the younger ones, spent a lot of time in front of the screen. This can be really distracting for them so maybe using screens in class as well could be adding up to this, rather than promoting alternative ways to learn. Therefore, limiting screen time needs to be addressed.

### Paragraph 4

A. Finally, phones can promote learning by allowing the student to be motivated. They enable playing interactive games, revising activities in a funnier way, and therefore are welcomed by the students. For instance, teachers might project quizzes and the learners can participate using a code.

B. Finally, phones can promote learning by allowing the student to be autonomous. They are able to look up words in the dictionary, practise without the teacher's help, find out new information on the internet. All these are important positive aspects of mobile phone use in class.

## Conclusion

A. In conclusion, despite the drawbacks, I firmly believe that mobile phones can aid the process of learning by increasing both motivation and learner autonomy.

B. In conclusion, mobile phones can promote motivation and learner autonomy but increase screen time.

# NOW YOU!

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Read the task, choose the vocabulary you want to include and plan it.

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Find some information online in English and then plan and write an essay on the following topic. Some people argue that playing video games is not advisable for young people.

Notes:

Write about:

1. Time

2. Creativity

3. Your own idea

- Become addicted to video games
- Develop skills
- Promote learning
- Educational video games
- Reaction time
- Social isolation
- Adjectives: Distracting, harmful, beneficial, entertaining
- Physical problems

## USEFUL COLLOCATIONS

# SAMPLE STRUCTURE

PARAGRAPH NUMBER	CONTENT
Paragraph 1	introduction
Paragraph 2	discuss point No.1
Paragraph 3	discuss point No.2
Paragraph 4	discuss your own idea
Paragraph 5	conclusion: summarize and give your opinion

## MAKE YOUR PLAN HERE:

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## INTRODUCE AN ADVANTAGE



The main advantage is...



A great/ major advantage is



Another benefit of... is...



An argument in favour of... is...



## INTRODUCE A DISADVANTAGE



A major disadvantage is...



Another drawback of...is...



However,



An argument against...is...

