

Essay

Useful Language

Opening the Essay

THESIS STATEMENT:

THIS ESSAY WILL DISCUSS/EXAMINE/ARGUE...

General Statements:

IN TODAY'S SOCIETY...

IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT...

Outline:

THIS ESSAY WILL FIRST... THEN... FINALLY...

Developing Arguments

ADDING POINTS:

FURTHERMORE, MOREOVER, IN ADDITION

EXEMPLIFYING:

FOR INSTANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, SUCH AS

CONTRASTING:

HOWEVER, ON THE OTHER HAND, NEVERTHELESS

CAUSE & EFFECT:

AS A RESULT, CONSEQUENTLY, THEREFORE

Concluding

SUMMARIZING:

IN CONCLUSION, TO SUM UP, IN SUMMARY

RESTATING:

AS HAS BEEN SHOWN...

THIS ESSAY HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT...

Criteria

TONE: FORMAL AND OBJECTIVE THROUGHOUT.

STYLE: CLEAR, LOGICAL, AND ACADEMIC.
AVOID CONTRACTIONS AND COLLOQUIALISMS.

COHERENCE: WELL-STRUCTURED WITH CLEAR
PARAGRAPHS AND SMOOTH TRANSITIONS.

ACCURACY: PRECISE VOCABULARY AND
GRAMMATICAL ACCURACY ARE ESSENTIAL.

Structure

TITLE
RELEVANT TO TOPIC

Introduction

- CLEAR THESIS STATEMENT
- BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
- OUTLINE OF MAIN POINTS

Paragraphs 2,3,4

- ONE MAIN IDEA PER PARAGRAPH
- TOPIC SENTENCE
- SUPPORTING EVIDENCE/EXAMPLES
- EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS
- LINK TO THESIS

Ending

- RESTATE THESIS
- SUMMARIZE MAIN POINTS
- FINAL THOUGHT/IMPLICATION
- NO NEW INFORMATION