

## Writing a For and Against Essay

In a “*For and Against*” essay you present the arguments for and against the topic you are asked about. You **don’t** give your opinion until the last paragraph.

Remember, it’s important to **ORGANISE** your essay into clear paragraphs.

Example: “*Homework should be abolished.*”

### Introduction

A brief statement to identify the issue under discussion.

*“It’s true that teachers give lots of homework nowadays, but would students do their work otherwise?”*

### Arguments in FAVOUR

You present the arguments in favour.

- *Lots of homework; less free time; difficult to organise time for all subjects.*

### Arguments AGAINST

You present the arguments against.

- *If we abolished homework, students wouldn’t work; at a higher level, students need to work everyday; it’s good to revise what has been done in class.*

### Conclusion

You close the essay by giving your opinion.

### Useful Language

#### Phrases:

- *Surveys show*
- *Research shows*
- *Experts believe*

#### Contrast connectors:

- *On the one hand, the advantages of ..... are ..... On the other hand, the disadvantages of ..... are .....*
- *The arguments in favour are ..... On the contrary, there are also arguments against, such as .....*
- *In contrast*

Connectors to **list** ideas (arguments for/ against):

- *Besides*
- *Furthermore*
- *Moreover*

Connectors to **explain arguments** by giving examples:

- *For example*
- *For instance*
- *An example could be*

Connectors to **conclude**:

- *In conclusion*
- *To conclude*
- *Summing up*
- *To sum up*

Write your for and against essay with the following title:

**“Under 16s shouldn’t be allowed to use social networks”**