



A for and against essay

1 Tick (✓) the two introductions that are appropriate for a for and against essay.

- 1 TV is the worst invention in the world. It makes people lazy, and it is boring. Now, I will consider both sides. ☐
- 2 TV has had a huge effect on society. **Some people feel** it has affected us negatively, **but others argue that** TV brings benefits. ☐
- 3 I think TV is a good thing. **In this essay, I will discuss** the positive aspects of TV, like *House*, and some negative aspects too. ☐
- 4 Millions of people around the world watch TV every day. **However, it is not clear if** this is a good thing, **or if** TV is a bad influence. ☐

2 Tick (✓) the two conclusions that are appropriate for a for and against essay.

- 1 **In conclusion, I feel that** TV is positive. It entertains and educates us. TV only has a negative effect when people watch too much. ☐
- 2 On the other hand, the news on TV provides us with information about the world. This is important and very positive. ☐
- 3 **In conclusion, there are many good arguments on both sides**, but I don't really know what I think. I like watching films on TV. ☐
- 4 **In my opinion**, the negative effects of TV are usually the result of watching it too much. **The important thing is** to have other interests, and not believe everything you see. ☐

3 Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets.

- 1 Blogs are easy to create. Not everyone has one. (although)

- 2 There are a lot of positive points about blogs. There are some negative ones too. (however)

- 3 There are blogs about most things. In addition, there are regularly updated posts. (on the one hand)

- 4 Ordinary people write blogs. Sometimes they don't check the facts. (on the other hand)

- 5 Blogs are useful. We shouldn't believe everything that we read. (but)

Write!

STEP 1

Here are three exam questions. Choose one to write. Before you start writing, look at steps 2–4.

- Should we invest more money in developing new technologies? Write a for and against essay.
- Should we teach coding at school? Write a for and against essay.
- Should we post pictures of ourselves on social media sites? Write a for and against essay.

STEP 2

Write down your ideas for the main paragraphs. Decide how to order them and note them down under headings *main paragraph 1* and *main paragraph 2*. There is no need to write full sentences at this stage.

Now decide which linking expressions to use. Write them under the headings *ideas* and *linking expressions*.

STEP 3

It helps to plan the introduction and conclusion before you start writing. Write out your introduction and conclusion. You can use the expressions in bold in Exercises 1 and 2 to help you.

STEP 4

Write your for and against essay. Don't forget to check your work when you have finished.