

Argumentative Essay

To write an argumentative essay, use the following steps to help you:

· **Introduction**

1. Hook the reader by using a rhetorical question or a strong statement or a powerful quotation.
2. Give some background information about the topic you will write about.
3. Write a clear **THESIS STATEMENT** in which you introduce the topic clearly and state your **claim (opinion)** and give **two reasons** without giving too many details. (You will write that in the body paragraphs!)

· **Body**

1. Paragraph 2: start with a transition word + topic sentence. State reason 1 then support it with strong **evidence** like *facts, statistics and examples*.
2. Paragraph 3: start with a transition word + topic sentence. State reason 2 then support it with strong **evidence** like *facts, statistics and examples*.
3. Paragraph 4: start with a transition word + topic sentence that introduces the **counterclaim** (different opinion or objections). Write your rebuttal and try to **show why they are not true** or why you **disagree** with them using evidence like *facts, statistics and examples*.

· **Conclusion**

1. Start with a transition word + topic sentence. Conclude with a brief **summary** and restate your claim.
2. **Never** add a new idea just because you have thought of it at the end!

Technique	Meaning
Facts	Factual information that people can't argue with.
Power of three	Including lists of three items/reasons in your writing.
Emotive language	Words, phrases and imagery that arouse an emotional response. (anger- sympathy- sorrow...etc)
Rhetorical question	Questions to get your audience thinking – they don't require an answer.
Quotes	Use quotes from experts or famous figures.
Anecdote	Including little stories to illustrate a point. (examples)
Direct address	Involve your audience by speaking to them directly using personal pronoun (you).
Exaggeration	Being over-the-top to get a point across.

Sentence starters for argumentative

I strongly believe that...	Some people think that----- However, the truth is...
I firmly believe that...	In my opinion...
In my experience...	I strongly disagree with ...

Body 1:

To begin with....
In the beginning...
First/ Firstly,

Body 2:

In addition/ Additionally/ To add more
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Furthermore

Moreover

Body 3:

On the other hand

However

Some people argue that...

Conclusion

In conclusion/ To conclude

Finally

In a nutshell

Prompt:

As the world goes through a global pandemic, many schools have opted to the alternative of online or distance learning. Are you for or against distance learning?

Start your essay here:

Face-To-Face VS Online Learning

“Collaboration allows us to know more than we are capable of knowing ourselves” – Paul Solarz. Technology has slowly been integrated into everything in our lives, including education. These days many students and schools have been using E-learning. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, current regulation has been developed, so people have to distance themselves not to become infected. Although it seems beneficial as an alternative learning method, it cannot replace traditional learning because it lacks face-to-face communication and inhibits students from participating in different school activities and competitions.

In the beginning, traditional learning has been proved to be the best learning method, as it encourages social interactions with the teachers and classmates. Face-to-face communication is essential to deliver information while learning. For example, interrupting and asking questions is easier in the classroom; this helps teachers know if their students fully understand the topic. In addition, since students are working in groups with each other, they can interact and discuss their point of view, which allows them to build friendships and develop their thinking and communication skills. A study done in 29 Austrian universities stated that students preferred face-to-face learning for communication interpersonal relations purposes.

Moreover, traditional learning gives students the chance to join a variety of school activities and competitions. These activities could be related to their hobby and passion, which shape the student’s personality and give them the chance to do something they enjoy. For instance, participating in a sports competition can develop their teamwork skills. Also, taking part in art activities requires creativity and thinking outside the box. Furthermore, joining school activities teaches students time management by balancing between their studies and their hobby. In fact a study carried by Texas A&M University suggested that students who are engaged in school activities had better academic outcomes like reading, math achievement, and course grades than other students.

On the other hand, some people argue that face-to-face students' learning outcomes such as course grades and student self-assessment are lower in comparison with online learning. According to Fort Valley State University, online students scored higher grades than students studying face-to-face. However, a study done by Missouri State University stated that students felt it was easier to cheat in online classes. In addition, the study found that during online learning, cheating occurred more frequently.

To conclude, the overall social life in school builds a student's personality, which cannot be done during online learning. Additionally, traditional methods of education deliver information and feedback more effectively than online learning. Due to the absence of face-to-face communication, body language and teamwork are reasons why e-learning cannot replace face-to-face education.

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