

# OPINION TEXT

How do you write an opinion text?

**Your opinion essay should have an introduction, main body and conclusion.**

1. Step 1 - Introduction. In the introductory paragraph, you need to present your subject and state your **opinion** clearly. ...
2. Step 2 - Main Body. In the body of your **essay**, you need to support your thesis statement. ...
3. Step 3 - Conclusion.

## What is an effective opinion essay structure?

There is no magic Band 9 structure but my students have found that the structure below works well in an opinion essay.

### INTRODUCTION:

- ▶ PARAPHRASE THE QUESTION
- ▶ THESIS STATEMENT WITH 2 REASONS FOR YOUR OPINION

### MAIN BODY 1:

- ▶ 1ST REASON WHY YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE (TOPIC SENTENCE)
- ▶ EXPLAIN IN DETAIL (SUPPORTING SENTENCES)
- ▶ GIVE AN EXAMPLE TO SUPPORT YOUR OPINION

### MAIN BODY 2:

- ▶ 2ND REASON WHY YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE (TOPIC SENTENCE)
- ▶ EXPLAIN IN DETAIL (SUPPORTING SENTENCES)
- ▶ GIVE AN EXAMPLE TO SUPPORT YOUR OPINION

### CONCLUSION:

- ▶ SUMMARISE YOUR MAIN POINTS BRIEFLY
- ▶ RESTATE YOUR OPINION

Tips on structure:

- The main body paragraphs will cover the reasons for your opinion, however, do not list ideas just use one central idea and explain and support it.
- Don't wait until the conclusion to give your opinion. It must be **throughout the whole essay**.
- Don't give 2 different opinions. Do not agree then disagree as it will confuse the examiner. You can balance it with why someone would hold an opposing view but **it is not a discussion essay**.
- The introduction should be **under 55 words**, each body paragraph should be **approximately 90 to 100 words**, the conclusion needs to be shorter than the introduction and **no new ideas** should be added in the conclusion
- Aim for **between 270 to 290 words**, over 300 words is not realistic as you only have **40 minutes to write the essay**.