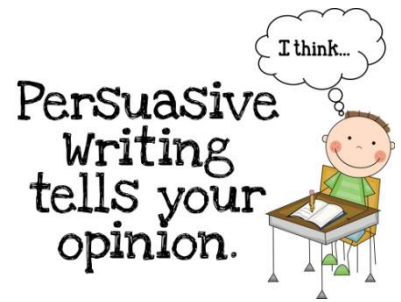


Persuasive Essays (expressing an opinion)

With these essays you are given ONE opinion, and then asked specifically if you agree or disagree with it. **You must make it clear whether you agree or disagree** and give your reasons why.



Persuasive Essays consist of 4 paragraphs:

Paragraph 1: Write an introduction where the topic and your opinion are stated clearly.

Paragraph 2: Present a supportive argument. Back up your argument with reasons, facts and examples.

Paragraph 3: Present another supportive argument. Support your opinion with reasons, facts and examples.

Paragraph 4: End your essay with a strong conclusion where the main points of the essay are summarized and your opinion is restated in other words.

Useful Phrases for Writing Persuasive Essays:

To express opinion:

I believe, In my opinion, I think, In my view, I strongly believe, It seems to me (that), As far as I am concerned, I am (not) convinced that..., I (firmly) believe ...

To list points:

In the first place, first of all, To begin with.

To add more points:

what is more, another major reason, also, furthermore, moreover, in addition to this/that, besides, apart from this, not to mention the fact that...

To introduce contrasting viewpoints:

It is argued that, People argue that, There are people who oppose, Contrary to what most people believe, As opposed to the above ideas...

To introduce examples:

for example, for instance, such as, in particular, especially...

To conclude:

In conclusion, To sum up, All in all, All things considered.

Example: Many teenagers think it is good to have jobs while they are still

Students. Do you agree or disagree? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion. You may relate to your own experience and / or that of others.

In modern society, it is very common to see teenagers working everywhere in the city. Whatever part time jobs they are doing, they are preparing for their future. School may be the best place for proper education but not for preparation for the outside working world. Indeed, teenagers learn a lot of things through the jobs they do when still being while they are still students.

To begin with, teenagers must learn how to arrange their time. For example, an employee needs to work at 7.00 in the early morning. This means he has to present at the company by 7.00 no matter how late he stayed up last night. Moreover, as a student, he has to make good use of his time and spend it properly on both studying and working.

Another point is that teenagers will appreciate the value of money. They work hard and realize how difficult it is to make money. They also understand that "Money does not grow on trees". Before buying expensive clothes or shoes, they remember their parents' hard work and think more carefully whether they should buy them or not.

In conclusion, although teenagers have responsibility to concentrate on their academic studies, part-time jobs are also important for their future work. Personally, I think teenagers should be allowed to do some part-time jobs to adapt to the working environment and get lessons from real life.

