

### Writing: Formal Essays

Introducing a personal opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In my opinion...</li> <li>▪ (Personally,)I think...</li> <li>▪ I feel...</li> <li>▪ I believe...</li> <li>▪ From my point of view...</li> <li>▪ As far as I am concerned...</li> </ul>
Introducing another person's opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some people think/ say</li> <li>▪ Many people argue that...</li> <li>▪ It is sometimes argued/ suggested/ said that...</li> <li>▪ According to ...</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
Explaining your opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ...because...</li> <li>▪ ...since...</li> <li>▪ Because of this...</li> <li>▪ For this reason...</li> <li>▪ That is why...</li> <li>▪ One of the main reasons is that...</li> </ul>
Ordering your ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are two good reasons for...</li> <li>▪ On one hand... on the other hand...</li> <li>▪ Firstly/ secondly/ finally</li> <li>▪ Also... furthermore/ what is more...</li> </ul>
Expressing results/ consequences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As a result...</li> <li>▪ As a consequence...</li> <li>▪ In consequence...</li> <li>▪ Consequently...</li> <li>▪ ...which means that...</li> </ul>
Expressing contrasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ However...</li> <li>▪ On one hand... on the other hand...</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In conclusion</li> <li>▪ To conclude</li> <li>▪ To sum up</li> <li>▪ To summarise</li> </ul>

#### Example Organisation

1. Introduction
2. 1<sup>st</sup> argument
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> argument
4. Your own idea
5. Your opinion
6. Conclusion

#### Home study

In your English class you have been talking about keeping animals in captivity. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** of your notes and give reasons for your point of view.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we should not be keeping animals in captivity. Do you agree?

#### Notes

Write about

- 1) The advantages of keeping animals in captivity
- 2) The reasons against keeping animals in captivity
- 3) .... (your own idea)