

## TITLE

Use a title that describes the content clearly, e.g.

<i>Descriptive essay</i>	<i>My Home Town</i>
<i>Discursive essay</i>	<i>The advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad</i>
<i>Argument essay</i>	<i>Why art should be an obligatory school subject</i>

## ESSAY FORMAT

### Descriptive essay

#### **Introduction**

Say what you are going to describe and give a brief introduction

#### **Main body**

Describe different elements in each paragraph

#### **Conclusion**

Summarise your description and conclude with an opinion

### Discursive essay

#### **Introduction**

State the topic, say why it's important and why people have different opinions.

#### **Advantages**

Discuss the reasons for the topic.

#### **Disadvantages**

Discuss the reasons against the topic

#### **Conclusion**

Summarise and give your opinion

### Argument essay

#### **Introduction**

State the topic, say why it is important and state your own view.

#### **Main body**

Develop arguments in each paragraph and give supporting reasons

#### **Conclusion**

Summarise your argument

## USEFUL PHRASES

- **Expressing a personal opinion**

*In my opinion.../I believe that.../It is my view that.../It seems to me that.../I would argue that.../As I see it.../As far as I am concerned...*

- **Arguing for a position**

*Many people feel that.../It is widely believed that.../One argument in favour of this is.../It is clear from the facts that.../It cannot be denied that.../*

- **Contrasting an argument**

*On the other hand.../Other people argue that.../An opposing view is.../An alternative argument is.../However.../In contrast.../Nevertheless.../In spite of this...*

- **Organising ideas**

*Firstly.../First of all.../In the first place.../Secondly.../A second point is.../Moreover.../In addition.../Furthermore.../Besides.../As well as this point.../Finally.../Lastly*

- **Describing a result**

*So.../As a result.../Therefore.../Due to this fact.../Consequently...*

- **Summarising/Concluding**

*In conclusion.../To sum up.../In summary.../To summarise.../Finally...*

*On the whole.../The benefits of ...outweigh the disadvantages.../I personally feel that.../I would argue that.../It is difficult to see how.../While it is true to say that...*