

This week we will work on

WRITING ESSAY

OPINION ESSAYS



Expressing personal opinions and beliefs on a topic.



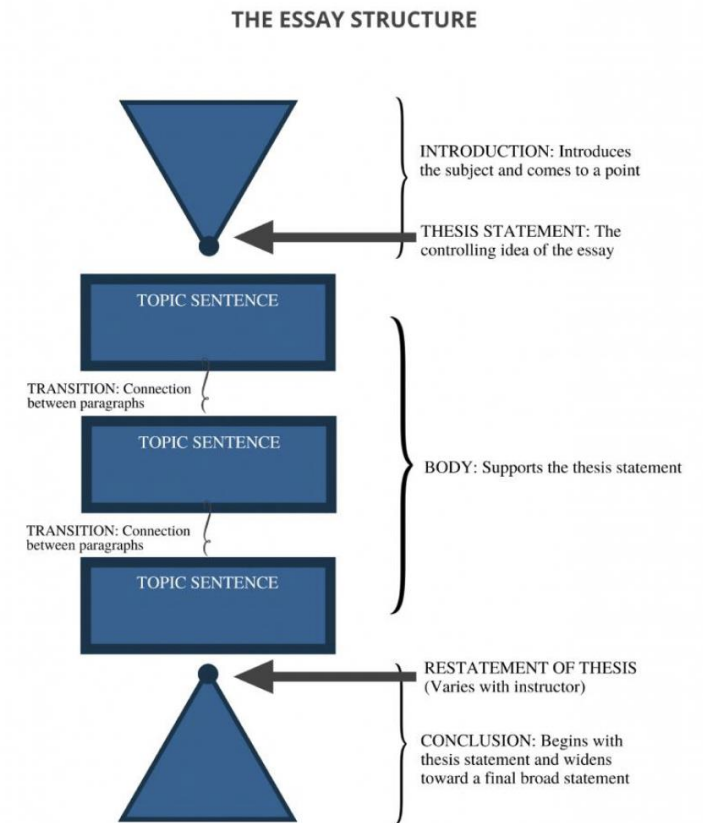
Providing evidence and **arguments** to support your **viewpoint**.



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STRUCTURE OF AN OPINION ESSAY

- Introduction:
 - Hook: Grab the reader's attention with a strong opening sentence.
 - Background: Provide **context** and introduce the topic.
 - Thesis **Statement**: Clearly state your opinion or stance.
- Body Paragraphs (2-3 paragraphs):
 - Each paragraph should focus on one main supporting argument.
 - Present evidence, examples, and logical **reasoning** to support your claims.
 - Use **transition** words to connect ideas smoothly.



STRUCTURE OF AN OPINION ESSAY

- Counterargument (optional):
 - Briefly acknowledge an **opposing** viewpoint to show you've considered different perspectives.
 - Refute the **counterargument** with strong evidence and reasoning.
- Conclusion:
 - **Restate** your thesis statement in a new way.
 - Summarize your main points.
 - End with a strong closing thought or call to action.

TIPS

- Use strong evidence to support your **claims**.
- Provide examples and anecdotes to **illustrate** your points.
- Address potential counterarguments.
- Use logical reasoning to connect your ideas.
- Use formal language and avoid slang or colloquialisms.
- Maintain a neutral or **persuasive** tone, depending on your purpose.
- Use strong verbs and vivid imagery to **engage** the reader.

EXAMPLE

- Opinion on “***Is open-source software the future of the tech industry?***”

- Introduction:

Open-source software, which is freely available and modifiable by anyone, has gained significant popularity in recent years. While some argue that it is the future of the tech industry, others remain **sceptical**.

BODY PARAGRAPHS

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One of the main advantages of open-source software is its **transparency**. Because the code is publicly accessible, it can be reviewed and improved by a large community of developers. This can lead to faster innovation and bug fixes. Additionally, open-source software is often more **affordable** than proprietary software, as there are no licensing fees.

BODY PARAGRAPH

- Body Paragraphs: Counterargument

However, there are also some **drawbacks** to open-source software. One concern is security. Because the code is public, it may be more **vulnerable** to attacks. Additionally, open-source software may **lack** the level of support and maintenance that is provided with proprietary software.

CONCLUSION: PARAGRAPHS

- Conclusion:

In conclusion, open-source software has the potential to **revolutionize** the tech industry. While there are some challenges to **overcome**, the benefits of transparency, affordability, and community-driven development make it a promising option for the future.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

- **Words of the Week**

- Viewpoint
- Arguments
- Perspective
- Persuading
- Context
- Statement
- Reasoning
- Transition
- Counterargument
- Opposing
- Restate
- Claims
- Illustrate
- Persuasive
- Engage
- Sceptical
- Transparency
- Affordable
- Drawbacks
- Vulnerable
- Lack
- Revolutionize
- Overcome
- Passionate
- Regulated
- Remember
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PS: Keep a journal where you note these words with their meanings and usages in a sentence.

LISTENING

Learning English For Work

Short podcasts to help you improve your English at work. Find more programmes and activities at *www.bbclearningenglish.com*

1- Office English: Work Events

Learning English For Work

We meet new people at work all the time. Do you know how to start a conversation with them? In this episode of Office English, Pippa and Phil talk about some phrases that can help you with small talk and networking in English.

- <https://www.bbc.com/learningenglish/english/features/office-english/240226>

GROUP WORK ASSIGNMENT

Assignment Instructions:

You may complete this assignment alone or with up to 4 friends (5 people total).

1. Visit the World Neolithic Congress at iIBF.

2. Engage with participants: Ask questions and interact with people attending the congress.

3. Document your experience: Write a report covering the following details and send it to me.

Your report should include:

- **Person Encountered:** Mention **at least one person** you met at the congress, including their name.
- **Questions & Responses:** List the questions you asked, the responses you received, and any insights you gathered.
- **Impressions:** Share your thoughts about the person. What was their research focus? Did you find it interesting or boring?
- **Background Information:** Include details about their country of origin, nationality, and home university.
- **Experience in Şanlıurfa:** Describe their opinion of Şanlıurfa or Türkiye. Did they like it, dislike it, or have no opinion? How many times they have visited our country? What is their favourite food?
- **Exchange of Information:** Note if you gave them any advice, took their contact information, or if they offered any additional insights.

GROUP WORK ASSIGNMENT

- If you don't want to participate previous activity.
- Go to Congress! Attend at least one presentation sessions in the congress and write an essay about your observation. The sessions has to be given in English.
- Congress Website and Sessions:
- <https://worldneolithiccongress.org/program.aspx>



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