

Advantages and disadvantages

Layout



Paragraph 1. Introduction. Stating general ideas and saying that about this topic there are advantages and disadvantages.

- As we know...
- As regards.....
- Regarding ...
- It is believed that.../ It is said that... / It's common knowledge that... / It is known that.../
- It is often suggested that

Paragraph 2: Advantages (at least two or three). Remember using linker

- On the one hand
- The main advantage of...+ing
- The most important advantage of... +ing
- A major advantage of... (+ing)
- One advantage of.... +ing
- An additional advantage of...+ing
- One major advantage of ...+ing ...

Paragraph 3: Disadvantages (at least two or three). Remember using linker

- On the other hand...
- The main disadvantage of...+ing
- The most important disadvantage of... +ing
- A major disadvantage of... (+ing)
- One disadvantage of.... +ing
- An additional disadvantage of...+ing
- One major disadvantage of ...+ing ...

Paragraph 4: Conclusion

- To sum up.../ In conclusion.../ In short...

Useful linkers:

- To list points → To begin with.../ Firstly.../ In the first place.../ First of all.../ Secondly... / Finally.../ Last but not least...
- To show addition → Moreover / Furthermore/ what is more
- To express a contrast → But / however / nevertheless / although/ even though / despite / even if...
- To describe reality → In fact / as a matter of fact / actually...
- To give examples → For example / for instance/ such as / particularly / especially

ACTIVITY TIME

Choose **two** of these topics and write **two compositions** (advantages and disadvantages) of about 100-120 words (hand in: 22nd January and 5th February)

1. Advantages and disadvantages of **being famous**
2. Advantages and disadvantages of **fast food**
3. Advantages and disadvantages of **school uniforms.**
4. Advantages and disadvantages of **meeting people in Internet.**
5. Advantages and disadvantages of **being vegetarian.**
6. Advantages and disadvantages of **being an only child**

Essay Model: Advantages and Disadvantages**MODEL 1. ADVANTAGES and DISADVANTAGES of LIVING in a FOREIGN COUNTRY**

As we know, today there are about six billion people in the world. All of them live in different countries and have special cultures. Some countries have become very sophisticated, while others haven't yet been developed well. For this reason, some people want to go to well-developed foreign countries, especially to the U.S.A. People want to go to well-developed countries to live more comfortably. They also strongly believe that if they go there, they will earn more money. Living in a foreign country **has many advantages, but it also has some disadvantages**. Therefore, before people come to a decision about going to a foreign country, **they should consider the advantages and disadvantages of living in a foreign country**.

One of the main advantages of living in a foreign country is that people have better economic conditions. For example, they may get a good job and a high salary so they can buy what they want and they may live how they desire. In addition, they may benefit from well-developed education and health systems. Moreover, one is given the chance to learn and become fluent in another language through everyday use. Furthermore, one can participate in lots of social activities. Thus, people can improve their abilities. Finally, they become more independent by having to deal with difficult situations on their own.

On the other hand, it may be difficult for people to adapt to their new surroundings. If they live alone, they miss their families and countries. Sometimes they may feel isolated, frustrated, and lonely. In addition, if someone can't speak the language yet, he or she may face communication problems. What is more, there is racial discrimination in some countries. Foreigners aren't easily accepted in these places. It is possible that racist people may hurt them.

To sum up, even though living in a strange place may be hard at first, in time one can adjust to it. In my opinion, if a person has an opportunity to go to a well-developed foreign country, he or she should benefit from this opportunity for his or her future.

MODEL 2. TELEPHONING

Nowadays, there are a lot of means of communication like e-mail, telegram and telephone. **Although** the right form of communication to use depends on the circumstances, **it's certainly common** and quick to telephone in order to communicate. **But it has both advantages and disadvantages**.

On the one hand, there are some positive sides of telephoning. **Firstly**, it is ideal if you want immediate action. You wouldn't want to write to the plumber if you had watering pouring through your ceiling, **for example!** It's **also** the obvious choice if you need a quick answer to a question like "What time is the next train to Oxford?" or "Did I leave my wallet in your shop?" Many problems can be solved more easily and decisions can be taken more quickly if you can discuss them with someone on the phone rather than wait for a reply to an e-mail or a telegram. **Finally**, few people would disagree that telephoning is a pleasant way to keep in touch with friends and family.

On the other hand, there can be a number of disadvantages to telephoning. **In the first place**, some problems are too complicated to explain on the phone, **especially** if they involve facts and figures, and it may be clearer if you set them out in a written form. **Secondly**, it might be important to have a record of what you say, especially if it is a booking or a complaint. **Last but not least**, telephoning, especially long distance, can be terribly expensive.

To sum up, all forms of communication have advantages and disadvantages: the important thing to recognize is which is more appropriate for what you want to say, and to whom. **From my point of view**, the advantages of telephoning far outweigh its disadvantages.