

A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

When we discuss an issue, we try to present an objective picture by showing both the advantages and disadvantages. We often give our personal opinion on the issue in the closing.

TOPIC: Mobile Phones: Good or Bad?

PLAN:

MODEL: Mobile Phones.

INTRODUCTION

State the issue

Who doesn't have a mobile phone these days? The fact is they seem to be everywhere. However, while mobile phones certainly have many supporters, there are also people who have reservations about them.

BODY

Present arguments for and against giving examples.
Distribute arguments for and arguments against in different paragraphs.

LINGUISTIC FEATURES: use of as many links as possible.

Those who are in favour of mobile phones claim that they make communication an immediate process and people no longer need to wait until they find an ordinary phone when they need to make an urgent phone call. Moreover, they also point out that a mobile phone can be a life-saver in the case of an emergency. Finally, parents feel much more secure when they know that, thanks to mobile phones, they can contact their children whenever they want.

On the other hand, those who are against mobile phones state the fact that much research must still be carried out in order to prove decisively that mobile phones do not damage your health. Another disadvantage is the way that mobile phones are destroying our social life. How many times have you had to stop a conversation so that your partner can answer his or her mobile phone? Not to mention the disturbances they cause at concerts and theatre performances.

CONCLUSION

Sums up the topic.
Refers back to the opening. States opinion.

In conclusion, although there are two sides to a coin, I believe that mobile phones generally do improve the quality of our life. In my opinion, even if only one life has been saved thanks to a mobile phone, they have justified their existence.

USEFUL VOCABULARY: LINKING WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

INTRODUCING

First of all
 Firstly
 To begin with
 The fact is...
 The point is...
 It is often believed/stated/reported/
 held that...
 There is a widely held belief that...
 According to X...
 Beginning by...
 At first sight it appears that...
 It is necessary to pose again the
 question concerning...
 In order to clarify the problem we
 must...
 I want to emphasize the fact that...

FOR AND AGAINST ARGUMENTS

C On the one hand
O On the other hand
N In contrast
T On the contrary
R Although Despite
A However
S Nevertheless
T In spite of
I But
N Yet
G Whereas
 Otherwise
A Moreover
D Furthermore
D Finally
I In the first place
N Firstly
G Secondly

CONCLUDING

In conclusion
 To sum up
 In short
 In a nutshell
 In brief
 On the whole
 To summarize

