

WRITING ECPE

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

TO INTRODUCE THE TOPIC

- In this day and age,
- Nowadays a lot of controversy has been raised over the issue of...
- A matter of considerable controversy at present is the issue of whether or....
- In recent times,
- Many people believe claim / support / state / think / say / maintain / that...
- It is often said believed / claimed / supported / stated / thought / said / maintained that...
- Proponents / Supporters / Advocates of this view claim that.....while opponents support that...

TO LIST POINTS:

- First of all
- To begin / start with
- Secondly, Thirdly, Finally
- For starters, next, after, then, to conclude

TO INTRODUCE EXAMPLES:

- For example
- For instance
- like, such as
- This is clearly illustrated by
- A typical/striking example of this is

TO PROVIDE EXPLANATION:

- This / which means that
- In other words...
- meaning that...
- ...that is to say...

TO ADD POINTS:

- In addition (to)
- Moreover, Furthermore,
- Apart from,
- Besides,
- ... as well as
- Also,
- Both... and

TO EXPRESS CAUSE:

- Because (of)
- Due to
- Owing to
- Since
- As
- Given (that)

TO PRESENT RESULTS:

- Thus,
- Therefore,
- As a result / consequence,
- For this reason,
- Consequently,

TO EXPRESS REALITY:

- In fact,
- It is a fact that,
- Actually,
- In practice,

TO EMPHASIZE A PARTICULAR POINT:

- Clearly,
- Obviously,
- It is obvious,
- Needless to say,
- Without doubt,

TO SHOW CONTRAST:

- Although,
- (Even) though,
- While,
- Whereas,
- Despite,
- In spite of the fact that,
- On the other hand,
- However,
- Nevertheless,
- Yet,
- Still + it may be argued / claimed that,
- Others (many people) feel / claim / believe that...

TO PRESENT YOUR OPINION:

- In my opinion / view...
- My opinion is that...
- I feel / think / believe that...
- I am inclined to believe that...
- It seems / appears to me that...
- I am (not) convinced that...
- As far as I am concerned...
- It holds that...
- I hold / maintain that...

TO AGREE PARTIALLY:

- This is partly true
- To (an) (certain) / (some) extent
- In some cases
- Up to a point
- While it cannot be denied that...
- While it is true that...

TO INTRODUCE ARGUMENTS OR VIEWPOINTS:

- One argument in favor of / against...is
- It is widely believed / claimed that...
- It can / could be argued that...
- It is generally believed / maintained that
- Some people believe / feel / maintain that...
- Many people claim / maintain that...
- Experts / Scientists support the view that...
- Experts are / Scientists are / in favor of / against / opposed to

TO CONCLUDE AN OPINION ESSAY:

- In conclusion,
- To conclude,
- All things considered,
- Taking everything into account
- For the above-mentioned reasons,
- To sum up,
- All in all,
- I feel / believe that...
- I am inclined to believe that...
- I am convinced that...
- It is my opinion / belief that...

TO PRESENT ADVANTAGES:

- The main / greatest advantage of...is
- One / A (major) advantage of...is
- Another / A further advantage of...is
- One very convincing argument in favor...is
- Supporters of... claim / maintain / advocate that...

TO PRESENT DISADVANTAGES:

- The main / greatest disadvantage of...is
- One / A (major) disadvantage of...is
- Another / A further disadvantage of...is
- One very convincing argument against...is
- Another negative aspect of...is
- Proponents of...draw attention to the fact that...

TO CONCLUDE A BALANCED ESSAY:

- In conclusion,
- On balance,
- All things considered,
- Taking everything into account
- To sum up,
- To conclude,
- All in all,
- It seems / appears that...
- It may be concluded that...
- There is little doubt that...
- It is likely / unlikely that...
- It is clear / obvious / evident that...
- The obvious conclusion to be drawn is...
- There is no absolute answer to...

TO SUGGEST SOLUTIONS:

- One possible way / useful suggestion to solve
- Another / An alternative way / suggestion to overcome / combat / deal with...is/
- Measures must be taken in order to / so as to solve / overcome / combat / deal with this (the) problem
- By..., we / people / governments can ensure / can prevent...
- The situation could / would improve if we / people / governments ...
- It would be a good idea to..... That way ...

TO PRESENT EXPECTED RESULTS:

- The result / outcome / effect / consequence of this / (-ing) would be... might be...