



# Worksheet

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## Writing an Opinion Essay

### 1. Sentence Starters Practice

Complete the sentences using the underlined phrases from the model essay.

Sentence Starter	Function / Use	Meaning (Arabic)	Synonyms / Similar Expressions
<b>Many people today feel that...</b>	Introduces a general opinion or belief	يشعر الكثير من الناس اليوم أن...	It is commonly believed that... / Many argue that...
<b>In this essay, I would argue that...</b>	States your position or thesis	في هذه المقالة، سأجادل بأن...	I believe that... / I intend to show that...
<b>Perhaps the most obvious thing about this topic is...</b>	Introduces your first main idea	ربما أكثر ما هو واضح حول هذا الموضوع هو...	The first thing to note is... / One clear point is...
<b>In my opinion...</b>	States a personal opinion	في رأيي...	I think... / From my point of view... / Personally, I believe...
<b>My personal conviction is that...</b>	Expresses a strong personal belief	قناعاتي الشخصية هي أن...	I firmly believe that... / I am convinced that...
<b>In conclusion, I would say that...</b>	Summarizes and restates your main ideas	في الختام، أود أن أقول إن...	To sum up... / In summary... / Finally...

Section	Guidelines (English)	الشرح بالعربية
<b>Introduction</b>	Summarise the topic in your own words and clearly state your position (thesis).	لخص موضوع المقال بكلماتك الخاصة ووضح موقفك أو رأيك بوضوح.
<b>Main Body</b>	Write 2–3 paragraphs. Each paragraph presents one main idea. Include: 1. The two ideas given in the question. 2. One idea of your own.	اكتب فقرتين إلى ثلاث فقرات. كل فقرة تتناول فكرة رئيسية واحدة. 1. استخدم الفكرتين الواردتين في السؤال. 2. أضف فكرة من عندك.
<b>Conclusion</b>	Summarise your main ideas and restate your opinion or thesis.	لخص أفكارك الرئيسية وأعد ذكر رأيك أو موقفك.

## WRITING | An Opinion Essay

### Content and Organisation

#### 1. Introduction

- **Purpose:** Introduce the topic and show your position clearly.
- **How to write it:**
  - Paraphrase the essay question using your own words.
  - State your **opinion or thesis** (what you think about the topic).
- **Example:**
  - *Topic:* “Should students wear school uniforms?”
  - *Introduction:* “Many schools around the world require students to wear uniforms. In my opinion, this is a good idea because it promotes equality and reduces distractions.”

#### 2. Main Body

- **Purpose:** Present and explain your arguments.
- Include **2–3 paragraphs**, each discussing **one main idea**.
- You must include:
  1. The **two ideas** given in the question.
  2. **One extra idea** of your own.
- Support each idea with **examples, reasons, or evidence**.
- **Example structure for a body paragraph:**
  - *Main idea:* “Uniforms promote equality.”
  - *Supporting detail:* “They make students look similar, so no one feels superior because of clothes.”
  - *Example:* “For instance, in my school, uniforms reduced bullying about appearance.”

#### 3. Conclusion

- **Purpose:** Summarise the main ideas and restate your opinion clearly.
- Do not add new information.
- **Example:**
  - “To sum up, wearing school uniforms helps students focus on learning and creates a fair environment. Therefore, I strongly support school uniforms in all schools.”

### Style and Register

- Use **semi-formal or formal language**.
- Avoid slang or contractions (use *do not* instead of *don't*).
- Write in **full sentences** and use **linking words** to connect ideas.

### Expressing Opinions

Personal Opinions	Examples in Sentences
Personally, ...	<i>Personally, I think social media can be harmful for teenagers.</i>
In my opinion, ...	<i>In my opinion, online learning is more flexible than traditional classes.</i>
My personal conviction is that ...	<i>My personal conviction is that everyone deserves free education.</i>
I would argue that ...	<i>I would argue that technology brings more benefits than problems.</i>
I believe that ...	<i>I believe that teamwork is essential for success.</i>

Personal Opinions	Examples in Sentences
I would say that ...	<i>I would say that travelling broadens the mind.</i>
Impersonal / General Opinions	Examples in Sentences
It is often argued that ...	<i>It is often argued that exams do not measure real ability.</i>
It is widely believed that ...	<i>It is widely believed that exercise improves mental health.</i>
Many people today feel that ...	<i>Many people today feel that public transport should be free.</i>
It is commonly accepted that ...	<i>It is commonly accepted that reading develops imagination.</i>
... can be seen as ...	<i>Volunteering can be seen as a way to give back to the community.</i>

### Useful Linkers and Connectors

Purpose	Examples
Adding ideas	<i>Furthermore, In addition, Moreover, Also</i>
Giving examples	<i>For example, For instance, Such as</i>
Contrasting ideas	<i>However, Nevertheless, On the other hand</i>
Showing results	<i>Therefore, As a result, Consequently</i>
Summarising	<i>To sum up, In conclusion, Overall</i>

### Tips for Success

- Plan your essay before writing.
- Write **4–5 paragraphs** (Introduction – 2/3 Body – Conclusion).
- Support every idea with a reason or example.
- Use linking words to make your writing flow smoothly.
- Check grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

### Active Writing: Topic Sentences and Supporting Sentences

Each paragraph must begin with a topic sentence (main idea) followed by supporting sentences (examples, reasons, or explanations).

Examples:

1. *Social media is often seen as a key reason people are interacting less face-to-face.*  
Supporting sentences: Many people spend time online instead of meeting in person. This reduces real-life communication and family bonding.
2. *Working parents are simply too busy to spend time with their family.*  
Supporting sentences: Long working hours leave little time for family dinners or shared activities. This affects the closeness of family relationships.

### 3. Model Essay

**Topic:** *Some people think that families are not as close as they used to be. Do you agree?*

Many people today feel that relationships between members of the same family are not as close as they were a few generations ago. Changes in our working lives and the advent of technology have certainly altered how families interact, but I would argue that families generally remain as close as they ever were.

Increasingly, parents are seeking a greater work-life balance. This means that even in a family where both parents work, they are often able to ensure that at least one parent is available to take their children to after-school activities or to attend school events. A better work-life balance also enables families to spend more quality time together.

It is commonly accepted that the time needed to run a household has also decreased over the last few decades as more and more labour-saving devices have been invented. A striking example of this is the washing machine, which Hans Rosling, a well-known Swedish statistician, called 'the greatest invention of the industrial revolution' because it gave parents more time with their children.

Going online can be seen as a way of bringing families together as well as a distraction. In the past, family members living apart had to write letters and wait a long time for a reply, but nowadays there are many more ways to keep in touch, such as social media and video calls. Overall, I believe that family members do communicate with each other more than in the past, whether through technology or face-to-face.

In conclusion, I would say that while society may have changed, families remain as close as they were, aided by technology and greater flexibility in working patterns.

#### Comprehension Questions

1. According to the text, what do many people think about family relationships today?
  - a) They are closer than in the past
  - b) They are not as close as they used to be
  - c) They are completely broken
  - d) They are the same as a few generations ago
2. What factor has changed how families interact according to the text?
  - a) The increase in family size
  - b) Changes in working lives and technology
  - c) The decrease in the population
  - d) More school events
3. How does a better work-life balance help families?
  - a) It allows parents to work more hours
  - b) It ensures children do not attend school events
  - c) It enables families to spend more quality time together
  - d) It prevents parents from attending after-school activities
4. Which invention is mentioned as giving parents more time with their children?
  - a) Dishwasher
  - b) Television
  - c) Washing machine
  - d) Telephone

5. Who called the washing machine “the greatest invention of the industrial revolution”?
  - a) David Mazahreh
  - b) Hans Rosling
  - c) A school teacher
  - d) A journalist
6. How can going online affect families?
  - a) It only distracts family members
  - b) It brings families together as well as distracts
  - c) It prevents communication completely
  - d) It replaces all face-to-face communication
7. In the past, how did family members living apart communicate?
  - a) By email
  - b) By social media
  - c) By writing letters
  - d) By video calls
8. What is the author’s opinion about family closeness today?
  - a) Families are less close than before
  - b) Families remain as close as they ever were
  - c) Families are no longer important
  - d) Families are completely disconnected
9. Which of the following helps families stay close according to the text?
  - a) Technology and work-life balance
  - b) Only social media
  - c) Only housework
  - d) Only school events
10. What does the text suggest about society and families?
  - a) Society has changed, but families are closer than ever
  - b) Society has changed, but families remain as close as before
  - c) Society is the same, but families are weaker
  - d) Families no longer communicate

Question	Answer
1	b
2	b
3	c
4	c
5	b
6	b
7	c
8	b
9	a
10	b

## **Homework: Final Writing Task**

**Essay Question:**

*People in your family are more influential in your life than your friends or any other influence. Do you agree?*

**Write about:**

1. Values such as honesty
2. Skills learned from family
3. Your own idea

**Use linking words and a mix of personal and impersonal expressions.**

**On your writing notebook**