



Worksheet

Name :		Subject:	Writing u 2
Class:	10 th grade	Date:	

Writing an Opinion Essay

Section	Guidelines (English)
Introduction	Summarise the topic in your own words and clearly state your position (thesis).
Main Body	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.
Conclusion	Summarise your main ideas and restate your opinion or thesis.

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>
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.

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