
Argumentative Paragraph Writing

Worksheet 1

A-Study the following paragraph writing examples

The advantages of smartphones.

Despite their negative effects, smartphones offer many benefits. First, this device has made communication much easier than ever before. Now, with a touch of a button people can communicate with anybody from anywhere at any time. **In addition,** a smart phone has become a source of unlimited entertainment. **For example,** a smart phone allows you to play games, listen to music, watch movies, and do a lot of other things. **What's more,** it offers thousands of educational apps which are very useful for students and teachers. **All in all, I think a smart phone is a very useful tool in our life; however, we should be careful not to overuse it.**

The advantages of Technology

Technology has become an essential part of our daily life thanks to its numerous advantages. **To begin with,** it is making our lives easier. **In other words,** people save more time and effort with the use of technology. **For example,** machines and robots can perform a lot of hard tasks perfectly and in no time. **Also,** technology offers great inventions such as the computers, the smart phones, the smart TVs, and the internet. **Besides,** it has made communication much easier than ever before. Now, with a touch of a button people can communicate with anybody from anywhere at any time. **What's more,** Technology has a positive impact on our economic growth. Nowadays, 70% of world businesses rely on technology to improve the quality of their products and services. **Finally,** it has improved our education. Thanks to technology, now students can learn from anywhere any time. **To conclude,** Technology offers a lot of benefits; however we can't deny its negative effects.

Important Synonyms:

- **Negative effects:** consequences; drawbacks; harmful effects; negative aspects
- **Advantages :** benefits; positive aspects;
- **Offers :** has
- **Useful :** beneficial
- **Device :** tool
- **Many :** numerous; several, a lot of;
- **Daily life :** nowadays;
- **First :** To begin with;
- **Also :** In addition; Besides; What's more;
- **For example :** For instance
- **Such as :** like
- **In no time :** In seconds; quickly; rapidly;
- **In other words :** That is to say;
- **Finally :** At last;
- **To conclude :** All in all, To sum up; In conclusion; In brief; ...

B-Following the examples above and using the given synonyms, develop the following topic sentences to write complete paragraphs:

1-Although it can be sometimes harmful, **Social Media** offers numerous advantages. First,

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To sum up, social media has become a useful tool in our life; however, we should be careful not to overuse it.

Suggested ideas:

- It has made learning much easier for students.
- It allows learners practise and improve English or any foreign language by speaking online with the native speakers
- It has made communication easier ever than before, thanks to apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, Instagram, etc

2- Nobody denies that **distance learning** offers numerous **benefits** for students. First,

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Suggested ideas:

- Students can learn from anywhere and at any time.
- distance learning helps them feel more comfortable to ask questions, learn more, and to stay more focused
- It saves a lot of money. For example, students don't have to spend money on transportation to study far away from their homes

Worksheet 2

A-Study the following paragraph writing example:

The benefits of learning a foreign language

I believe that every student **should study a foreign language for these reasons**. **First**, If you speak more than one language, you have better chances to get a good job. **In fact**, companies need employees who can speak international languages like English. **Second**, speaking another language allows you to know people from all over the world, read their books, listen to their music and discover their culture. **Finally**, it's important to learn a foreign language if you want to study abroad. **Given all these reasons, studying a foreign language makes your life happier and more successful.**

Important Synonyms:

- **First** : To begin with;
- **Second**: In addition; Besides; Also;...
- **Study** : learn
- **More than one language** : foreign language; another language; international language;
- **In fact** : Actually; No doubt;

- **Need employees:** look for employees; hire employees
- **Allows you to know :** helps you in knowing;
- **All over the word :** different countries; around the world;
- **Discover :** learn about
- **It important to learn :** you should learn;
- **Given all these reasons:** All in all, to sum up; ...

B-Rewrite the same paragraph above using the given synonyms and the following topic sentence (try to use your own words where possible)

Learning a foreign language offers a lot of benefits. To begin with,

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C-Study the following paragraph writing example:

The advantages of Voluntary work

Nobody denies that voluntary work has many advantages. **The very first advantage is that** it helps people in need. **In addition,** volunteering contributes to the improvement of the community. **What's more,** this value helps you reduce stress and boosts your happiness. **All in all,** voluntary work has countless benefits for people and communities. For me, I can't imagine the world without voluntary work.

Important Synonyms:

- **countless : many; numerous; a lot of;**
- **contributes to : helps in; ...**

D-Following the examples above and using the given synonyms, develop the following topic sentences to write complete paragraphs :

1-Achieving Sustainable development offers many advantages to a country **First,**

Suggested ideas:

- It encourages using the natural resources wisely
- It ensures a better life for present and future generation
- It helps in lowering the effects on the environment by reducing pollution.
- we can achieve a long term economic growth.

Worksheet 3

A-Study the following paragraph writing examples

The drawbacks of smartphones

Despite their benefits, smartphones can have many negative effects. **First**, too much use of the smart phone can lead to serious health problems such as insomnia, headache, sight troubles, etc. **Second**, many young people feel depressed when they don't receive reactions to their posts on social media. **Finally**, smartphones cause a decrease in real life communication. **All in all**, using the smartphone can lead to harmful consequences; however, we can use it for many positive purposes.

The disadvantages of Social Media

Although it's sometimes useful, social media has many drawbacks. **To begin with**, it can cause serious health problems if we spend a long time on screens. **Also**, many young people suffer from depression because they become addicted to social media. **Finally**, social media leads to social isolation and decreases real-life communication. **To conclude**, social media can be used for positive purposes; however we should be careful not to overuse it.

Important Synonyms:

- **Negative effects**: consequences; drawbacks; harmful effects; negative aspects
- **Advantages** : benefits; positive aspects;
- **Useful** : beneficial
- **Too much use** : overuse; addiction;
- **Serious health problems** : dangerous health issues
- **Although** : Even though
- **Despite** : In spite of
- **However** : Still; yet;
- **Also** : In addition; Besides; What's more;
- **For example** : For instance
- **Such as** : like
- **In other words** : That is to say;
- **Finally** : At last;
- **To conclude** : All in all, To sum up; In conclusion; In brief; ...

B-Following the examples above and using the given synonyms, develop the following topic sentences to write complete paragraphs:

In spite of its advantages, there are some **drawbacks** to Technology . **First**,

..... **All in all**, technology can be a harmful and destructive tool sometimes.

Suggested ideas:

- **Machines are replacing humans in factories. Consequently, more people are losing their jobs.**
- **People have become less active : they exercise less and spend oo much time sitting before their smart TV sets, others on their smart phones**
- **It can be the source of many modern dangerous diseases, like cancer, HIV, and COVID19**