

OPINION ESSAY.

In an **opinion essay**, we give and justify our personal opinion on a given subject.

TOPIC Video games, good or bad for children? (250 à 300 words)

PLAN

INTRODUCTION

paragraph 1

Introduce the topic and try to convince the reader of your point of view. Then, say that there are at least two possible different opinions or views on the subject. You may start with an anecdote or a surprising statement.

MAIN BODY

Paragraphs 2, 3 ...

Justify what you say by giving facts and examples. Each time you introduce a new idea, begin a new paragraph.

CONCLUSION

last paragraph

Sum up and give your opinion.

EXAMPLE

Video games are entertaining, enjoyable and beneficial to children in many ways. They educate, provide space for creativity and offer healthy social interaction.

Indeed, everyone agrees to say that children today prefer to play computer games to traditional games. Moreover, hundreds of studies now show that playing video games can fight stress and depression, make you more resilient, more social, and simply happier. I really do think that active video games are interesting to keep fit and captivated as well as connected to the world.

However, children nowadays often do not participate enough in any club game or traditional games such as hockey or football. Most of them prefer to stay at home and play computer games than to go outside with their friends. Surely, playing too many video games can be hazardous because it will affect children's health. For example, when they are too often stuck to their video games, they will not be doing any movement. Their body will become weaker due to not doing any exercise. This can be compared with watching too much TV which is believed to lead for example to obesity.

In conclusion, it is safe to say that violent games are not always beneficial to the children because of their addictive nature, which can deter a child's growth. However, when games are played in moderation, they are a viable source of stress relief as well as a catalyst for mental health improvement and development of social skills.

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

INTRODUCTION

paragraph 1

Life nowadays ...
During the last century we have seen ...
However ...
Nevertheless ...
This is a controversial topic ...

MAIN BODY

Paragraphs 2, 3 ...

On the one hand ... /
On the other hand ... /
In the first place ... /
Then ...
Secondly ... /
Besides ... /
However ... /
Furthermore ... /
Moreover ... /
Similarly ... /
What is more ... /
Not to mention ... /
Finally ...

CONCLUSION

last paragraph

To conclude ... /
To sum up ... /
All in all ... /
All things considered ...
In my opinion ... /
To my mind ... /
As far as I am concerned ... /
I believe that ... /
From my point of view.