

Step 2 TASK 2: Read the essay and name the paragraphs and their functions.

The Advantages and Disadvantages of CCTV Cameras

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One serious disadvantage of CCTV cameras is that it is difficult to find private places in our cities. People are watching us everywhere we go. Another problem with them is that, because there are so many of them, the government has spent a lot of money on them.

On the other hand, a major advantage is that they help to catch criminals and prevent crimes from happening in the first place. Another advantage is that ordinary people feel safer and have more freedom to lead their lives as they wish.

To sum up, are the cameras good or bad? This is a difficult question to answer. Although we feel safer, every move we make is seen by someone, somewhere. Therefore, we might get more freedom in some ways, but we lose it in other ways. Perhaps we need more time to understand the effects of this, but I personally think that the advantages are greater than the disadvantages.

Name: **INTRODUCTION** paragraph
Topic: **General info about CCTV cameras**

Function: **to give background information about the topic / warm-up for the topic**

Name: **BODY** paragraph
Topic: **disadvantages**

Function: **to explain the disadvantages of the topic**

Name: **BODY** paragraph
Topic: **advantages**

Function: **to explain the advantages of the topic**

Name: **CONCLUDING** paragraph
Topic: **summary of the main points**

Function: **recapping the main points**

Step 3 TASK 3: Read the essay and analyze the presentation of opinions in detail.

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1. What information does the **title** reveal about the content of the essay?
It will mention both the advantages and disadvantages of the topic
2. What does the first sentence of the introduction paragraph say?
Gives the number of CCTV cameras in the UK
3. What does the second and third sentence of the introduction paragraph say?
Gives the statistics on the cameras in the UK
4. How does the writer narrow down the topic?
By giving numbers, he emphasizes the importance of CCTV cameras in our lives, Then, writes the thesis statement/comes to the main idea of the essay
5. What is the "Thesis Statement" of the essay?
"This essay will consider whether CCTV cameras are good and bad for us."
6. What is the "Topic Sentence" of the 1st body paragraph?

7. How does the writer support his opinion?
By giving explanations
8. How many sentences does the writer write to support his opinions?
One sentence for each opinion
9. What is the "Topic Sentence" of the 2nd body paragraph?

10. How does the writer support his opinion?
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11. How many sentences does the writer write to support his opinions?
One sentence for each opinion
12. What does the writer say in the first sentence of the concluding paragraph?
Restates the Thesis St: "To sum up, are the cameras good or bad?"
13. How does the writer cover his opinions in the concluding paragraph?
By summarizing the main points
14. What does the writer say in the final sentence?
Shares his personal opinion

Step 4

TASK 4: Read the essay and analyze the linkers in detail. Write the linkers/phrases to talk about advantages & disadvantages and their functions in the boxes or each paragraph.

Linkers / phrases to talk about advantages & disadvantages	Function
NONE	

Linkers / phrases to talk about advantages & disadvantages	Function
-One serious disadvantage of - Another problem with them is that - because	- stating disadvantage - stating disadvantage - stating the reason

Linkers / phrases to talk about advantages & disadvantages	Function
- On the other hand - a major advantage is that - Another advantage is that	- showing contrast - stating advantage - stating disadvantage

Linkers / phrases to talk about advantages & disadvantages	Function
- To sum up - Although	- summarizing - showing contrast

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- Therefore - but	- stating result - showing contrast
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Step 5

TASK 5: Do the exercises (between 8b and 11) on page 91 in Language Leader/Pre-intermediate.

Step 6

TASK 6: With your partner, choose ONE topic and discuss the advantages & disadvantages of this topic. Write down as many points as possible.

TOPICS:

1. Having a lot more police officers on the streets of our cities.
2. Police forces having a lot more female officers
3. Using plain-clothes police (i.e. police not in uniform)
4. Sending criminals who are not dangerous to prison
5. Interpol
6. Hosting the Olympics in your city
7. Boys and girls studying in separate classes
8. Being allowed to have cell phones in university classes
9. Keeping animals in zoos
10. Using animals when conducting experiments
11. Minimum age for driving
12. Your topic : _____ (if you don't like them, find your own topic 😊)



Step 7

TASK 7: Write a “for and against essay” individually to support your opinion. Explain the advantages and disadvantages that you have come up with your partner in your essay. Pay attention to the introduction and concluding paragraphs.

You can use these linkers:

Listing Points	<i>Firstly, First of all, To begin with, Secondly, Thirdly, Finally, To sum up, To conclude</i>
Adding Points	<i>In addition, Furthermore, Moreover, Besides, Also</i>
Examples	<i>For instance, For example, such as, like</i>
Contrast	<i>However, Although, On the other hand, In contrast, yet, but, Nevertheless</i>
Listing Advantages	<i>One/Another/A further (major) advantage of... is ... The main/greatest/first advantage of... is ...</i>
Listing Disadvantages	<i>One/Another/ A further (major) disadvantage of... is that ... The main/greatest/most serious disadvantage of... / Another negative aspect of...</i>

The Advantages and Disadvantages of Hosting the Olympic Games

The Olympics is an important series of sports events. It is held since very early times. The Games are held every four years in various cities all around the world. These cities are chosen according to some criteria. Therefore, candidate cities need to prove that they are the best for the Olympic Games. This may have some advantages and disadvantages for the city.

The greatest advantage of the Olympics is that the city is known by people all over the world. When a city is chosen, a lot of sports people from various countries come to this city. Therefore, the city is advertised all

around the world. Another major advantage of hosting the Olympics is that new sports venues are built in the city.

On the other hand, one major disadvantage of hosting the Olympic Games is that it requires a lot of money to host the sports people and the audience. For instance, there will be thousands of guests in your city and they will need accommodation, transportation, etc. Therefore, the government will spend a lot of money in addition to the fund provided by the International Olympics Committee. A further) disadvantage is that qualified people should be found to help the quests. They should speak foreign language and know the neighbourhood very well.

To sum up, hosting the Olympic Games may have both advantages and disadvantages. Whereas it is good for advertising the city and having new sports venues, it may have negative results in terms of the money that needs to be spent and the qualified workforce. Therefore, it is not an easy decision to make, but I personally believe that its advantages outweigh the disadvantages.