

HOW TO GIVE YOUR OPINION IN AN ARGUMENTATIVE TASK

(comment donner votre opinion dans une argumentation)

If your essay question has expressions like:

Would you say ...? Would you consider ...?

Do you believe ...?

Do you agree that .../with ...?

Discuss.

you need to give your opinion, write what you think, share your views.

- Use personal expressions to make it clear that you are giving your opinion.
(Don't use too many of these expressions and don't use two in the same sentence)

Personally, I believe/I think/I would say...

In my opinion,

In my view,

To my mind, / From my point of view

As far as I am concerned,

It seems to me that...

I suppose that ...

I can't help thinking that ...

- Make what you think really clear

If you have a strong opinion:

I totally agree with...

I strongly believe that...

I definitely think that...

It is absolutely true that...

It can't be denied that...

If you strongly disagree:

I don't agree at all with ...

I completely disagree with ...

I disagree entirely on that point.

I can't agree with...

It would be wrong to say that ...

If you have a balanced view:

I don't quite agree with ...

I've got mixed feelings about ...

I agree but only to a certain point.

In a sense...

On the one hand ... on the other hand...

Actually (=in fact) it is more accurate to say that...

Unlike the author/the narrator I believe that ...

- Include examples

For instance,

For example,

Let us take the example of ...

That is to say,

- Give your answer a clear structure with connectives

First/Firstly, Secondly, Thirdly, Finally/Eventually/Lastly/Last but not least... (to organise your ideas)

Then, Also, In addition, Moreover, Furthermore (to add an idea)

However, Yet, Nevertheless, Even though, Although (to contrast ideas)

To conclude, In conclusion, To sum up, In short, In a word, All in all, All things considered, To put it in a nutshell... (to write your conclusion)