

# Opinion Essay Writing Planner

Use this planner to organise your ideas before writing your opinion essay. Good planning = clear writing!

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## 1. Topic

Write the essay question or statement here.

### Guidance:

- Underline keywords (e.g. agree/disagree, advantages/disadvantages)
- Make sure you fully understand the task

Example: “Some people think school uniforms should be mandatory. Do you agree or disagree?”

### Your Topic:

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## **2. Your Opinion**

What do YOU think? Agree, disagree, or partly agree?

### **Guidance:**

- Be clear! You must have one opinion
- Use formal language (e.g. In my opinion...)
- You will repeat this opinion in the introduction and conclusion

### **My Opinion:**

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### **3. Two Reasons + Examples**

Plan your two strongest reasons to support your opinion. Add an example for each.

#### **Guidance:**

- Keep each paragraph focused on one reason
- Use real-life or logical examples to support your ideas

#### **Reason 1**

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#### **Example**

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#### **Reason 2**

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#### **Example**

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## 4. Useful Phrases

Use these to structure your essay and show your opinion clearly.

Essay Section	Useful Phrases
Introduction	In today's world...   This essay will discuss...
Stating Opinion	I believe that...   In my opinion...
Starting a paragraph	Firstly,...   Another reason is...
Giving an example	For example...   Such as...
Conclusion	In conclusion...   To summarise...

✓ Feel free to add your own: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Word Count Tracker

Section	Target Words	My Word Count
Introduction	40–50	_____
Body Paragraph 1	80–90	_____
Body Paragraph 2	80–90	_____
Conclusion	30–40	_____
Total	250+	_____

**Tip:** Always aim for 260–280 words to meet the minimum word count without going overboard.

 **Final Reminder:**

- ✓ Clear opinion?
- ✓ Two strong reasons?
- ✓ Formal language?
- ✓ Examples included?
- ✓ Checked grammar and spelling?