

PARAGRAPH ORGANIZATION IN FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

TITLE

INTRODUCTION

General statements

Thesis statement (Present the topic and give both sides of the argument **WITHOUT** giving your opinion.)

(e.g. There are both advantages and disadvantages to.....)

Arguments for (Advantages)

Topic sentence

(e.g.has certain advantages due to various reasons.)

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Supporting sentences (Write at least **3 advantages** with their justifications. Support each advantage by explaining, giving examples, and details.)

Arguments Against (Disadvantages)

Topic sentence

(e.g. On the other hand, many people believe that there are some disadvantages to.....)

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Supporting sentences (Write at least **3 disadvantages** with their justifications. Support each disadvantage by explaining, giving examples, and details.)

MAIN BODY

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, /All in all, /To conclude,

Re-tell the thesis statement + give your opinion OR balanced consideration

Sample For&Against Essay

USING MOBILE PHONES

Almost everyone owns a mobile phone nowadays and people without a mobile phone are thought of as eccentric. They have a lot of features that make our life easier. However, there are both numerous benefits and pitfalls that come with mobile phones.

There are significant advantages that mobile phones bring into our lives. First of all, they are portable. Therefore, it is convenient for us to carry mobile phones and keep in contact with others at any time. For example, when we are outdoors, where there are no telephones, we can use our handy mobile phone. Secondly, mobile phones enable us to call for help during times of emergency. For instance, if you are involved in an accident or if you witness a crime taking place, you can call the police immediately using your mobile phone. Last of all, mobiles are not only a great time-saving device, but they are a source of entertainment, too. They have several functions such as MP3 players, radios and games.

On the other hand, there are many disadvantages of using mobile phones. Although mobile phones are convenient, they can be lost easily since they are quite small. Talking on mobile phones can also be expensive because we need to pay high roaming costs when we are overseas. In addition, mobiles are believed by some people to give out radioactive waves and some scientists believe that this radioactivity can cause brain tumors or damage our ears. Finally, people can easily become addicted to mobile phones since they are now multi-purposed with different functions.

In conclusion, I think that mobile phones are indispensable tools that we cannot live without, but we should avoid abusing them. Therefore, we should think carefully about the advantages and drawbacks before purchasing a mobile phone, and ask ourselves why we need a mobile phone and whether we will be able to use it responsibly. (313 words)