

# A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

When we discuss an issue, we try to present an objective picture by showing both the advantages and disadvantages. We often give our personal opinion on the issue in the closing.

**TOPIC:** Mobile Phones: Good or Bad?

**PLAN:**

**MODEL:** Mobile Phones.

**INTRODUCTION**  
State the issue

**BODY**  
Present arguments for and against giving examples. Distribute arguments for and arguments against in different paragraphs.  
**LINGUISTIC FEATURES:** use of as many links as possible.

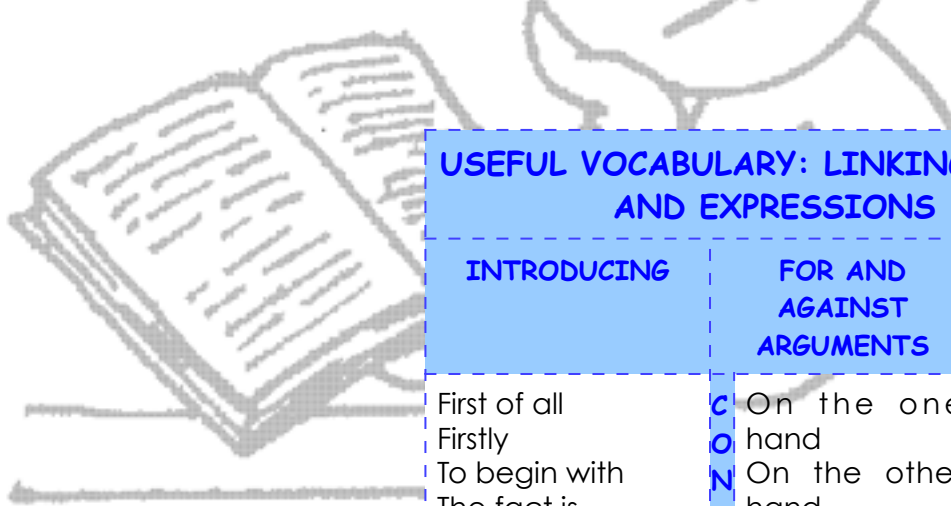
**CONCLUSION**  
Sums up the topic. Refers back to the opening. States opinion.

*Who doesn't have a mobile phone these days? The fact is they seem to be everywhere. However, while mobile phones certainly have many supporters, there are also people who have reservations about them.*

*Those who are in favour of mobile phones claim that they make communication an immediate process and people no longer need to wait until they find an ordinary phone when they need to make an urgent phone call. Moreover, they also point out that a mobile phone can be a life-saver in the case of an emergency. Finally, parents feel much more secure when they know that, thanks to mobile phones, they can contact their children whenever they want.*

*On the other hand, those who are against mobile phones state the fact that much research must still be carried out in order to prove decisively that mobile phones do not damage your health. Another disadvantage is the way that mobile phones are destroying our social life. How many times have you had to stop a conversation so that your partner can answer his or her mobile phone? Not to mention the disturbances they cause at concerts and theatre performances.*

*In conclusion, although there are two sides to a coin, I believe that mobile phones generally do improve the quality of our life. In my opinion, even if only one life has been saved thanks to a mobile phone, they have justified their existence.*



USEFUL VOCABULARY: LINKING WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS		
INTRODUCING	FOR AND AGAINST ARGUMENTS	CONCLUDING
First of all	C O N T R A S T I N G	In a conclusion
Firstly		On the one hand
To begin with		On the other hand
The fact is...		In contrast
The point is...		On the contrary
It is often believed/stated/ reported/ held that....		Although
There is a widely held belief that...		Despite
According to X...		However
Beginning by...		Nevertheless
At first sight it appears that...		In spite of
It is necessary to pose again the question concerning...		But
In order to clarify the problem we must...		Yet
I want to emphasize the fact that...		Whereas
		Otherwise
	A D D I N G	Moreover
		Furthermore
		Finally
		In the first place
		Firstly
		Secondly
		To summarize