

How to Write a For & Against Essay

<p>Introduction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State a fact – use the perfect tenses 2. Introduce your topic 	<p>Teenagers <u>have always spent</u> an <i>immense</i> amount of time watching television. Some people believe that they should watch less, yet others believe that they should be allowed to <i>partake</i> in what they wish. As a result, there is growing concern about the influence of television on the teenage <i>psyche</i>.</p>
<p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes violence • No time to socialize <p>- First sentence should include a gerund.</p>	<p>On the one hand, it is thought that <u>watching</u> television could cause <i>irrevocable</i> damage. Some claim that repeatedly watching violence on TV has a negative effect on the brain and could lead to aggressive or even <i>vicious</i> behavior. Moreover, they worry that some teens spend more time watching television than socializing with their friends; thus, it can reduce the chance of developing meaningful relationships.</p>
<p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational • Addresses teen issues <p>- First sentence should include the 2nd conditional.</p>	<p>On the other hand, <u>if teenagers were to watch more television, they could acquire a lot of useful information</u>. For example, there are educational programs about a wide variety of topics from the environment to technology. In addition, there are programs, especially for teenagers that deal with important issues, such as friendship, trust and drugs. Such programs can help raise awareness regarding true life matters that affect the youth of today.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add concluding comments 2. State your opinion if asked 3. Throw it back to the reader 	<p>In conclusion, although violence on TV or watching too much TV may be harmful, I believe that the benefits of television are greater than any harm it might cause. However, ultimately each parent must choose what is best for his or her own teenager.</p>

Things To Remember

1. **Separate Your Paragraphs.** – Put a line between each paragraph
2. **Do NOT state your opinion at the beginning** - You can state your opinion at the end of the essay if the question asks for it or says that you may do so.
3. **Don't repeat your argument** - Make sure that you have two arguments for (advantages) and two arguments against (disadvantages).
4. **Provide Examples** - You must provide examples to support your arguments.
5. **Use Connectors** - The second, third and fourth paragraph should each start with a connector. You should use additional connectors throughout the essay as well.