

Argumentative essay (1): two-sided argument.

Read this model first:

Living in the countryside is something that a lot of people from the city often idealize. However, in reality, it has both its advantages and disadvantages.

There are certainly many positive sides to living in the country. First of all, you can enjoy peace and quiet. What can be more enjoyable, indeed, than waking up to the sound of birds singing? Secondly, people tend to be friendlier and more open. For example, many people greet each other when they meet. A last advantage is that there is less traffic, so it is safer for younger children.

On the other hand, there are certain drawbacks to life outside the city. The main disadvantage is that you are likely to have fewer friends, as fewer people live in the countryside. Moreover, entertainment is difficult to find, particularly in the evening: you will not find dozens of café's, discotheques and theatres like in a city. Furthermore, the fact that there are fewer shops and services means that it is harder to find work. Therefore, you may have to travel a long way to work, which can be extremely expensive: you will probably have to buy a second family car, or a train subscription, for instance.

In conclusion, I would say that the country is more suitable for some people than others. It is, indeed, the best place for those who are retired or for families with young children, but young, single people who have a career will be better provided for in the city

How to write an argumentative essay?

An argumentative essay is a text that presents the writer's opinion on a specific topic and uses evidence to support that position. The goal of an argumentative essay is to convince your reader that your position is right. In this model, the writer chose not to take sides. In argumentative essays, you must present:

- A persuasive thesis statement in the introduction paragraph
 - One or two paragraphs that use evidence and explanations to support the thesis statement
 - A paragraph addressing opposing positions on the topic—when appropriate
 - A conclusion that summarizes the writer's point of view and gives the audience something to think about.
- plan your essay first: make a list of pros and cons
- Write a first draft. Develop your arguments and use linking words. Here is a list of some useful phrases:

There are advantages and disadvantages to ...

First of all / Firstly

The main advantage / disadvantage of ... is ...

The main drawback / problem with ... is ...

In addition / Moreover / Furthermore

A further advantage (of) / problem (with) ... is ...

So / As a result / Therefore

Indeed / For example / For instance

Particularly / Especially

However / On the other hand / In contrast

In Conclusion, To sum up / On the whole- Before you copy your draft over, revise it. Avoid repetitions, edit weak vocabulary (avoid expletives like "there is/are", "it is", and weak adjectives used with 'very')