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WRITING TO ARGUE-II

HOME ALONE



- So is the structure of argument
- Usually, statement of situation is given first, followed by arguments for one side against the other.
- But third or fourth paragraph it is arguments in favour of the other side and against the one stated earlier.
- Final part usually takes an overview and reaches an acceptable conclusion.

- Language of argument- Often complex sentences
- Even simple sentences occur in contrast:

‘Stars twinkle, planets do not’

- Basically, this is how an essay making arguments is structured. Examples can often be statistical at larger policy levels.
- But similar occasions in social circles among friends and family have anecdotal rather than a statistical evidence.
- Then there are languages issues.

Documents of this kind often have complex sentences using:

1. If...,then....
2. While...,this....
3. Whereas...,there...
4. As...,so...

LOOK AT THE EXTRACT

If this seems contradictory (why would a parent in a two-income household believe their life choices were damaging to their children?), (then) keep in mind that the past few decades have seen a sea change in working parenthood. In 1970, **only** about a third of households — 31 percent — had two parents working. **At that time**, the most common arrangement **by far** was that the father worked full-time **while** the mother stayed home. **So** it's possible (okay, likely) **that** attitudes haven't caught up with the times.

Let's **set aside** the fact that not every family consists of a mother and a father today, and **let's even** set aside the fact that plenty of children are raised by one parent, not two. The data **as presented here** — that most parents work but continue to hold forth an ideal that the mom should stay home because it's best for the children — **completely ignores** reality. **For many families**, it's **just not** economically feasible for one parent to stay home full-time with children. In the U.S., families aren't supported in all the ways that they could — and arguably, should — be. School days involve weird hours, child care is expensive, and wages for one person working full-time do not add up to what they did 30 years ago.

And, **moreover**, what exactly are we basing our concept of “best for the child” on, anyway? Is this even borne out by research? What we do know is that going to preschool is very good for children, and this means spending some time, **at least**, away from home.

- If you are interested, you might watch the indicated clip from the movie ‘Home Alone’. The movie shows how terribly worried and insecure a child without his parents at home might feel at home. If you have time, you can watch all of it.
- You can then see how a child can use its own native intelligence and resource to survive and grow. But it is difficult to say what is best. Besides, this is a piece of fiction, a movie it may or may not be true.

ACTIVITY

Write an essay on the following topics in no more than 200 words:

1. Should big chain stores be allowed into selling domestic items on global levels?
2. Must a child be taught in English from the time of birth. Some say yes, some say no. As children you learn a language best, some say; but this robs you of your mother tongue, others say. What is your opinion on the subject. Examine a related issue.
3. Should the state have power to control our private lives. Some say yes, some say no.

Thank you!

