

# Reflecting on election results of Saxon elections in 2024

<b>Thema</b>	Landtagswahlen in Sachsen 2024
<b>Ziel</b>	Das politische System in Deutschland erklären (Gewaltenteilung, Bedeutung von Bundestag und Bundesrat, Wahlsysteme) Sachsenwahlen 2024 beurteilen unter Berücksichtigung der Themen, die wahlentscheidend waren (s. SZ-Artikel)
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## A. Writing a comment (ca. 400 words)

Comment on the Saxon state elections in 2024:

- topics dominating current election campaign
- positions of parties regarding these topics
- possible coalitions being advantageous/disadvantageous to Saxony

## B. Now do the following subtasks:

1. Thoroughly read the information in figure 1 to see what has to be considered when writing a comment.

## S5 Writing specific text types

In a written exam, you are asked to write a specific type of text. For each text type, you need to consider the typical structure, contents, purposes and writing style.

### S5.1 Writing a comment

In a written exam, you will often have to write a comment about a certain aspect of a fictional or non-fictional text. You will usually have to deal with a controversial issue, a quote or a statement taken from a text and give your personal opinion about it.

If you are asked to comment on a given quote or statement, start by mentioning the author and possibly the title and date of publication and then describe the context in which it was given.

Structure your comment as follows:

#### Introduction

- Define the problem or topic.
- Get the reader's attention.
- Outline what you are going to do.

#### Main part

- Give reasons for both sides.
- Support arguments with examples.
- Use connectives.

#### Conclusion

- Summarise the best argument.
- Clearly state your opinion.

Figure 1: Excerpt from the Skills Files in your textbook on writing a comment (textbook, Challenge 12/13, Klett, p. 207)

2. Read the texts on topics regarding the state elections in Saxony in 2024.
3. Select/mark passages dealing with controversial topics.
4. Select/mark passages dealing with positions of parties.
5. Select/mark passages dealing with pros and cons of controversially discussed topics.
6. Select/mark passages dealing with pros and cons of possible coalitions.

7. Make a list of some topics/issues having dominated the current election campaign. Comment on each point. **Feel free to add further rows!**

topics dominating current election campaign and positions of parties				
topic/issue	position 1 of party 1	position 2 of party 2	position 2 of party 2	personal comment on aspect/ possible coalitions
education				
migration				

8. Decide which points and in which order you want to address in your comment.
9. Structure your comment according to the table 1 below.

*Tab. 1: Content structure of comment on pros and cons of technology-free learning*

Headline of your comment:

main structure	more detailed structure		no. of words
Introduction	<b>Topic sentence</b> (thesis statement, i. e. sentence that clearly states the basic question, argument or problem): _____ Note: First sentence of the introduction should be an interesting introduction that presents the problem your argumentative essay will discuss. The last sentence of the paragraph should be your <i>topic sentence/thesis statement</i> .		50 to 100
<i>Leave space!</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> paragraph	Supporting sentence 1:		ca. 20
	Detail 1:		20 to 50
	Detail 2:		20 to 50
	Conclusion regarding supporting sentence 1:		20 to 50
<i>Leave space!</i>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph	Supporting sentence 2:		ca. 20
	Detail 1:		20 to 50
	Detail 2:		20 to 50
	Conclusion regarding supporting sentence 2:		20 to 50
<i>Leave space!</i>			
Conclusion	Summarizing main ideas from the two paragraphs with reference to the topic sentence for drawing a final conclusion by evaluation of conclusions from paragraph 1 and 2.		50 to 100
<b>Total</b>			<b>260 bis 540</b>

10. Now study the examples of argumentative language to make use of them in your comment. They are examples of signposts that are used in argumentative essays. Signposts enable the reader to follow your arguments easily.

*When pointing out opposing arguments (Cons):*

- Opponents of this idea claim/maintain that...
- Those who disagree/ are against these ideas may say/ assert that...
- Some people may disagree with this idea,
- Some people may say that...however...

*When stating specifically why they think like that:*

- They claim that...since...
- Reaching the turning point:
- However,
- But
- On the other hand,

*When refuting the opposing idea, we may use the following strategies:*

- compromise but prove their argument is not powerful enough:
  - They have a point in thinking like that.
  - To a certain extent they are right.
- completely disagree:
  - After seeing this evidence, there is no way we can agree with this idea.
- say that their argument is irrelevant to the topic:
  - Their argument is irrelevant to the topic.

Here are further useful phrases often used when writing a comment.

#### USEFUL PHRASES

##### Giving examples

for example | for instance | in another case |  
take the case of | to illustrate | as shown/expressed  
by ...

##### Referring to a point already made

as I have already said/noted | as suggested above ...

##### Emphasising your statements

definitely | indeed | extremely | absolutely | positively ...

##### Balancing pros and cons

On the one hand..., on the other hand... | although | however |  
We shouldn't forget that... | In contrast to ... | On the contrary... |  
Weighing up the pros and cons...

##### Drawing a conclusion

That's why... | For this reason/these reasons | therefore | as a result |  
consequently | Taking everything into account... | The arguments  
seem to indicate that... | It is clear therefore that ... | Thus it could be  
concluded that... | The evidence seems to be strong that...