HOW TO WRITE A COMPOSITION

Divide the composition into three parts: INTRODUCTION (1 paragraph), DEVELOPMENT (2 paragraph), CONCLUSION (1 paragraph).

**INTRODUCTION**:

* No more than 3-4 lines.
* Introduce the topic, it may help to define the idea.
* It should have some information of what you are going to develop after, giving your opinion if it’s an OPINION ESSAY, or presenting both sides if it’s a FOR&AGAINTS ESSAY.

INTRODUCING A TOPIC IN AN IMPERSONAL WAY

Nowadays…

* It is often said/claimed that: *se suele afirmar que*
* It is a cliché/commonplace to say that: *es un tópico decir que*
* It is undeniably true that: *es innegable que*
* It is a well-known fact that: *es un hecho de sobra conocido que*
* It is sometimos forgotten that: *a veces se olvida que*
* It is hard to open a newspaper nowadays without reading that: *hoy en día resulta difícil abrir un periódico en el que no leamos que*
* First of all, it is important to try to understand: *en primer lugar es importante intentar comprender*
* It is in the nature of …to…..: *es un rasgo característico de…*

INTRODUCING GENRAL IDEAS

* The concept/idea of: *el concepto/la idea de…*
* This fact/subject/matter is a question that has been much debated: *este hecho/tema es una cuestión muy debatida*
* One of the most striking aspects of this issue is: *uno de los aspectos más notables de este tema es*
* There is a number of important issues we have to take into account when dealing with such a relevant topic in our current society: *hay una serie de aspectos importantes a tener en cuenta cuando abordamos un tema tan relevante en nuestra sociedad actual.*
* There is no doubt/It is doubtless that being informed about such an essential topic will have positive and decisive outcomes for our future development as responsible adults. That’s why I have always been highly interested in it/Therefore, we are going to analyze deeply the advantages and disadvantages/causes and consequences/positive and negative aspects of this issue: *es indudable que estar informado sobre este tema tan relevante tendrá resultados positivos y decisivos para nuestro desarrollo futuro como adultos responsables. Esta es la razón por la que he estado siempre muy interesada en ello. Por eso vamos a analizar en profundidad las ventajas y desventajas/causas y consecuencias/aspectos negativos y positivos de este tema.*
* Nowadays, it is a well-known fact that: *hoy en día es un hecho bien sabido que…*
* Nowadays, everyone agrees that... however, we should perhaps ask ourselves if this fact is as positive/undeniable as it seems to be.: *hoy en día todo el mundo está de acuerdo en que….sin embargo quizás deberíamos preguntarnos a nosotros mismos si este hecho es tan positivo/innegable como parece ser.*
* In this composition I will try to analyze in depth the advantages/benefits/disadvantages/causes/reasons/consequences/results/outcomes of….: *en esta redacción trataré de analizar en profundidad las ventajas y desventajas de/causas y consecuencias de….*

INTRODUCING A TOPIC IN AN PERSONAL WAY

* I would like to start by saying that: *me gustaría empezar diciendo que*
* Before going specifically into the issue of…, I would like to state: *Antes de entrar en el tema concreto de … me gustaría afirmar ...*
* We live in a world in which: *en el mundo en el que vivimos*

**DEVELOPMENT**

Two paragraphs divided into: advantages/disadvantages, positive/negative aspects.

Try to use: passives, conditionals, modal verbs, phrasal verbs…

EXPRESSIONS AND CONNECTORS:

* On the one hand we are going to talk about: *por un lado vamos a hablar de…*
* On the other hand we are going to deal with: *por otro lado vamos a abordar….*
* Otherwise: *de otra manera, por otra parte, por lo demás*
* As well as: *así como*
* Above all: *por encima de todo*
* In fact,: *de hecho*
* Actually,: *realmente, en realidad, en efecto*
* Nowadays/Currently,: *hoy en día, actualmente*
* Therefore,: *por lo tanto*
* So: *por eso, así que*
* In spite of/Despite: *a pesar de*
* Despite/Inspite of the fact that: *a pesar de que*
* To/in order to/so as to: *para*
* So that: *para que*
* Not only….but also: *no solo……sino también*
* First: *en primer lugar, primero*
* Then/next: *luego, a continuación*
* Thanks to: *gracias a*
* Consequently: *consecuentemente*
* According to: *según*…
* Apart from this: *aparte de esto*
* As soon as: *tan pronto como*
* Broadly speaking/generally speaking: *en líneas generales, en general*
* By the way: *a propósito*
* In other words: *en otras palabras*
* On the contrary: *por el contrario*
* As a result of : *como consecuencia de*
* What I suggest is that: *lo que sugiero es ..*
* What we should/shouldn’t do is.: *lo que deberíamos/no deberíamos hacer es*
* What we could do is not as complicated as it seems to be: *lo que podríamos hacer no es tan complicado como parece ser.*
* What is more: *Lo que es más*
* It would be a good/bad idea to: *sería una buena/mala idea…*
* It wouldn’t be a bad idea to: *no sería una mala idea*
* It is unquestionable: *es incuestionable, indiscutible*
* It is essential: *es indispensable*
* It is very likely/unlikely that: *es muy probable/improbable que*
* It is undeniable that: *es innegable que*
* It is possible that: *es posible que*
* No one knows for certain…: *no se sabe con certeza*
* It is obvious that: *está claro que*
* Compared with/in comparison with: *comparado con*
* The more……..the more: *cuanto más ……más……*
* It would be extremely interesting to ……: *sería extremadamente interesante que*

**CONCLUSION**

Our opinion about what we stated before. Sometimes you can continue with what it was said in the introduction.

* To sum up: *en conclusión*
* All the arguments presented here lead to the same conclusion: *todos los argumentos expuestos aquí llevan a la misma conclusion*
* I strongly believe: *creo firmemente*
* As far as I’m concerned: *en lo que a mí respecta*
* To be honest I think: *para ser sincera creo que*
* My personal opinion is that/it is my belief that: *mi opinión es que*
* My position on the matter is that: *mi posición sobre este tema es*
* I’m quite sure/convinced that: *estoy bastante segura/convencida de*
* I have the impression that: *tengo la impresión de*
* It is difficult to give an (objective) opinion on this topic mainly because I’m not well informed/an expert, however I consider that: *Es difícil dar mi opinion sobre este tema porque no estoy bien informada, no soy una experta, sin embargo considero que...*
* I’m in favour of: estoy a favor de / I’m against: *estoy en contra*
* The main aim/purpose: *la principal meta, objetivo, propósito*
* It is true that…: *es verdad que*
* I would be delighted to: estaría encantada de
* I would like to express my total disagreement with: *me gustaría expresar mi total disconformidad con…*
* There is absolutely no justification for: *no hay en absoluto ninguna justificación para*
* Under no circumstances: *de ninguna manera*
* If we all worked together and made a great effort to solve this problem, it would be possible to find an appropriate solution which made us feel successful: s*i todas trabajaramos juntas e hiciéramos un gran esfuerzo para solucionar este problema , sería posible encontrar una solución apropiada que nos hiciera sentir bien.*