

# Premium lesson 07

## Preparation for essays

In your English class you have been discussing animals. Now your teacher has now asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay, using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

<b>It is wrong to keep animals in zoos?</b>
<b>Notes</b> Write about:
1 how the animals are treated 2 learning about the animals 3 ..... (your own idea)



Quickly read the essays on page 36 written by strong First candidates, A and B (language errors have been corrected). Ignore 1–10 and answer these questions about each essay.

- 1 Does it include
  - only arguments that answer 'yes' to the question, followed by the writer's opinion?
  - only arguments that answer 'no' to the question, followed by the writer's opinion?
  - arguments on both sides, followed by the writer's opinion?
- 2 In which paragraph does the writer discuss note 1?
- 3 Where does the writer discuss note 2?
- 4 Which point is the writer's own idea?

Now read the essays again and complete questions 1–10 with the following notes. You can use the same note more than once.

- Writer's own opinion
- Gives an example
- Sums up points already made
- Expression that links points
- Gives a reason
- Tells the reader what to expect
- Contrast link

Writer's own opinion

Gives a reason

(1) Tells the reader what to expect

(2) .....

(3) .....

(4) .....

Sums up points already made

### Essay A

In my opinion, keeping animals in zoos is not as cruel as people say – sometimes it is even useful – for three main reasons.

First of all, they take care of the animals, giving them the best food. The animals are cleaned every day and they live in good conditions. There is a large number of scientists that care for the animals, for instance if they catch a disease.

Secondly, there are some animals that are disappearing because they have been hunted without any control. At the zoo they are away from these hunters, so they are safe and it is possible to prevent them disappearing.

Finally, there is also an educational reason. Children can see different animals from all over the world alive and from my point of view this is the best way of learning. They also learn to take care of them and the most important thing, to love them.

In conclusion, I believe keeping animals in a zoo is no more cruel than keeping them at home. The only important thing is to care for them.

Outlines the background

Gives a reason

(5) .....

Says which side comes first

(6) .....

(7) .....

(8) .....

(9) .....

(10) .....

### Essay B

Keeping animals in zoos is an important issue today because there are many people in favour of animal rights. In this essay I intend to examine the arguments for and against keeping animals in zoos.

One of the strongest arguments in favour is the fact that children can see animals from other countries. Consequently, visiting zoos can help them learn about nature. Furthermore, zoos can help protect some kinds of animals, which might be in danger of extinction.

On the other hand, there are several arguments against it. To begin with, it is known that animals in zoos suffer from loneliness since they are not living in their natural environment. Secondly, they do not behave as they would do if they were free, because they have to get used to a new way of living, even if they have been born in the zoo. Lastly, people can use them to carry out experiments.

On balance, I am not in favour of keeping animals in captivity because, as I have shown, that is like prison, which is very sad.

## Exam preparation

Finally,	First of all,	On balance,
In conclusion,	Next,	Lastly,
Last but not least,	To sum up,	<del>Firstly,</del>
Then	To begin with,	To conclude,
Secondly,		

for the first point	for further points	for the last point	in the conclusion
Firstly			

Some linking expressions are used at the beginning of a sentence, but some are not. Circle the correct words in italics.

- 1 In the city there are more places to go. *Also* / *Too*, they stay open later.
- 2 Working in a coal mine is a hard job. *Furthermore* / *As well*, it can be dangerous.
- 3 Travelling by train is more relaxing than driving. It is better for the environment, *besides* / *too*.
- 4 You have to find somewhere to play. *As well* / *As well as that*, you need to buy all the sports equipment.
- 5 In winter, the nights are much longer. *Too* / *In addition*, it is a lot colder then.
- 6 Making your own furniture is an enjoyable hobby. It saves money, *as well* / *in addition*.

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## Listening preparation

Put the words into the correct column in the table.

Some words fit in more than one column.

balanced	catering	chop	consume
portion	swallow	taste	vitamin

Noun	Verb	Adjective
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

## The healthy eating project

Lydia says an alternative name for healthy eating is having a **(1)** .....

Lydia compares the food we eat to **(2)** ..... for our bodies.

Lydia says people do not need to avoid certain foods such as **(3)** .....

Lydia says the food pyramid describes the foods we ought to eat and their

**(4)** .....

Lydia offers to provide listeners with **(5)** ..... which contain fruit and vegetables.

Lydia points out that **(6)** ..... is a non-food source of one vitamin.

Lydia says that **(7)** ..... is an example of a snack we needn't avoid.

Lydia says the action of **(8)** ..... salad items doesn't burn more energy than the food provides.

Lydia gives the example of **(9)** ..... as a drink that is useful for our bodies.

Lydia explains that some people think **(10)** ..... is a substitute for eating healthily.