

Argumentative Essay Grading Rubric - B2 Level

Total Points: 100

1. Content and Ideas (30 points)

Excellent (27-30 points):

- Clear, focused thesis statement that takes a definitive position
- Well-developed arguments with specific, relevant supporting evidence
- Effectively addresses counterarguments
- Demonstrates critical thinking and original insights

Good (21-26 points):

- Adequate thesis statement with clear position
- Arguments are generally well-supported with evidence
- Some consideration of counterarguments
- Shows understanding of the topic

Satisfactory (15-20 points):

- Thesis statement present but may lack clarity
- Basic arguments with limited evidence
- Minimal consideration of opposing views

2. Organization and Structure (25 points)

Excellent (23-25 points):

- Logical and coherent organization throughout
- Smooth transitions between paragraphs and ideas
- Clear introduction with engaging hook and thesis
- Well-developed body paragraphs with topic sentences
- Strong conclusion that synthesizes arguments effectively

Good (18-22 points):

- Generally logical organization
- Adequate transitions between ideas
- Clear introduction and conclusion
- Body paragraphs are mostly well-structured

3. Language Use and Vocabulary (25 points)

Excellent (23-25 points):

- Sophisticated and varied vocabulary appropriate for B2 level
- Complex sentence structures used effectively
- Idiomatic expressions used appropriately
- Precise word choice enhances meaning

Good (18-22 points):

- Good range of vocabulary for B2 level
- Mix of simple and complex sentences
- Generally appropriate word choice
- Minor vocabulary errors do not impede understanding

4. Grammar and Mechanics (20 points)

Excellent (18-20 points):

- Minimal grammatical errors
- Consistent and accurate use of tenses