

L4 – Reading & Writing

Lesson 4

Today, we will...

1. Have a vocabulary quiz
2. Discuss what you've read
3. Learn how to write a concession paragraph



Argumentative Essay Concession Paragraph

The structure of an argumentative essay is...

Introduction:	Thesis Statement & hook
Main Body:	Claim & evidence (Persuasion)
Opposition:	Opposition & refutation (Concession)
Conclusion:	Summary

What are opposition and refutation?

Opposition: Respectfully acknowledge a point from the “other” side.

Refutation: Find something wrong with it.

Opposition and refutation

Your standpoint:

We should prohibit animal testing because animals can feel pain too.

Opposition: Without testing new drugs on animals, we cannot know the side effects.

Refutation: We can test on non-living cells and computer simulations.

Opposition and refutation

Opposition: Admittedly, ...
it is true that...
Some people may argue that...

Refutation: However,
But in most cases,...
On the contrary,

Practice: opposition and refutation (1/3)

Your standpoint:

During global pandemics such as COVID-19, it is better to have online classes.

Opposition: Face-to-face classes are more efficient than online classes.

Refutation: Online classes can be more efficient by using various online tools and software, which also make the teacher's job easier.

Practice: opposition and refutation (2/3)

Your standpoint:

Students shouldn't be allowed to use electronic devices in class because it is only a distraction.

Opposition:

It is more convenient for students to take notes on their laptops and iPad.

Refutation:

Writing things down on paper is the same thing.

Practice: opposition and refutation (3/3)

Your standpoint:

We shouldn't use plastic surgery to change our appearances because it could be dangerous.

Opposition: Looking more beautiful or handsome can give us a boost of confidence.

Refutation: Confidence always comes from within. Not all confident people are good-looking.

In-class Writing: Concession Paragraph

Write a opposition and refutation for the issue below.

Controversial Issue:

Some people believe that corporations have a responsibility to promote the well-being of the societies and environments in which they operate. Others believe that the only responsibility of corporations, provided they operate within the law, is to make as much money as possible. Which point of view do you agree with? Why?

④ Homework

1. Reading Assignment:

Why is it so hard to treat pain in infants
The welcome spread of assistant dying

2. Writing Assignment:

Finish concession practice



Thanks!

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