

PARAGRAPH ORGANIZATION IN OPINION ESSAY

Unlike for and against essays, this type of topic asks for your own opinion starting from the first paragraph which should be clearly stated and supported by reasons in the main body paragraphs.

INTRODUCTION

General statements

Thesis statement identifying the writer's point of view. (*State the topic and your opinion clearly.*)

(e.g. **I believe that/I think that** physical education should be taught at schools.)

Your **1st VIEWPOINT/REASON** supporting the thesis statement

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Justifications (Support your reason by explaining, giving examples, and details)

Your **2nd VIEWPOINT/REASON** supporting the thesis statement

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Justifications (Support your reason by explaining, giving examples, and details.)

Opposing (Others') viewpoint

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Reason(s) for the opposing viewpoint (*State why opponents think that way.*)

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Refutation (*Prove that they are wrong, or their argument is not powerful enough.*)

MAIN BODY

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, /All in All, /To conclude,

Restatement of the thesis, final comments on the topic.

(Restate the thesis, summarize the main ideas, and/or make final comments.)

Sample Opinion Essay

Is Metrobus a solution?

Istanbul, whose population has already exceeded 15 million, has a big network of public transportation. In addition to the classical services of bus, tram, subway and ferryboat, people in this big city have been using Metrobus as a means of public transportation since 2007. It has always been a matter of discussion whether metrobus is an effective means of transportation for Istanbul. As far as I am concerned, metrobus is not an effective solution to the public transportation system of Istanbul.

My first reason is that it has already exceeded its capacity and cannot function properly. Nearly 800.000 people take the metrobus every day. The buses, the platforms, the footbridges are full of people who try to reach their destination. It is impossible to get on or get off the bus, especially during rush hour. **Therefore,** the system of metrobus does not work accurately.

My second reason is that it does not relieve traffic congestion in E5 motorway. Actually, it causes more traffic. The lanes for automobiles are fewer and narrower than before since two separate lanes for metrobus were constructed. **This leads to** many problems during the day. **For example,** there are long queues of cars every day and night, especially during rush hour. **Moreover,** drivers using the emergency lane block the way of the ambulance.

On the other hand, there are some people who claim that metrobus is a very effective solution for public transportation system in Istanbul. They say that it enables people to travel long distances faster and in shorter time. **They might have a point. However,** the metrobuses are crowded with hundreds of people. You cannot even find a place to stand or read a book, so it might be faster **but** it is not a comfortable journey at all.

All in all, I believe metrobus is not an effective means of transportation for a megacity like Istanbul. It was a short-term solution and now, Istanbul needs to replace it with a more stable, safe comfortable means of public transportation. **(335 words)**