

Textual features

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Introduction

Hook

- 3 to 4 lines
- Illustration: paint a picture ('Imagine...')
- Anecdote: your personal story
- Balanced: 'there have been many debates...'
- Quote: _____ once said, "..."
- Use of statistics, interesting fact ('Did you know...?')
- Rhetorical questions
- Controversy: usually an overgeneralisation (stereotype/ something extreme followed by 'is that really true?')

Definition

- Important; gives your essay a scope and meaning [*no generalisation/ bias]
- Be more specific; X simple dictionary explanation of the word, **should be explained with the context of the essay topic and in line with explanation (3 body para points)**

Background Information

- 3 to 4 lines
- Talks about the current state of the issue (what are people saying)
- Reasons why this issue needs to addressed
- Impacts of the issue
- Should coincide with your stand - positive if you support, negative if you don't
- Time-Space continuum
Time: past to present
Space: different countries/ cultures

Thesis statement

- Parallelism: two or more phrases in a sentence that have the **same grammatical structure**
- [topic] is [opinion] because [argument 1], [a2] and [a3]

EXAMPLE

Statistics	In 2013, there were 26254 marriages and 7527 divorcees in Singapore
Rhetorical Questions	Have you ever wondered the secrets of married couples who have been together for a long time?
Quotes	"I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life" - Rita Rudner

EXAMPLE

Abortion should be legalised, do you agree?

How can I define abortion such that it does not seem like a bad thing?

Example for thesis

Studying in groups should be **highly encouraged [stand/opinion]** as it enables students to make clarifications and build on one another's knowledge (point 1), **develop social skills (point 2)** and **foster stronger friendships (point 3)**.

Body paragraph

- Point
- Logic flow - elaboration
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 - Facts** : pieces of information about circumstance that exist or events that have occurred
 - Eg Singapore is both a country and a state
 - Research** : attempt to find out in a systematically and scientific manner; survey/ study [more preferred]
 - Eg Singapore scored 6.739 in the “happy index “ of the World Happiness Report 2016, which was published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the United Nations
 - Examples** : an occurrence of something
 - Descriptions** : to visually present a person, place , event or an action so that the reader may picture
 - Anecdotes** : short, free-standing tale narrating an incident (not recommended)
- Link (to point and thesis)

Conclusion

- • Summary of points (try not to restate)
- After thoughts
- Future action that can be taken