



SMART JUNIORS 3

Highs and Lows of Our Feelings

Lesson 4
Writing Skills





An Essay About Opposite Opinions

If you're required to write an essay on a controversial topic with opposing opinions, the following writing structure might help you.

1

Introduction:

- Introduce the topic.
- Bring out the debate.



2

**Supporters' Argument
(supporting detail)**

3

**Opponents' Argument
(supporting detail)**

4

**Your Opinion
(supporting detail)**



5

Conclusion

Now we're going to listen to a model essay. Can you find the five parts?



▶ **Should We Always Be Honest About How We Feel?**

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Find the five parts in the text and match the labels to each.

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Introduction

Read the **Introduction** and answer.

1. Which part introduces the topic of the essay?
2. What words suggest a disagreement about this topic?

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Supporters' Argument

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1. Which part shows the supporters' opinion?
2. What are the supporting details?

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Opponents' Argument

Read the **Opponents' Argument** and answer.

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My Opinion

Read the **Author's Opinion** and answer.

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2. What are the supporting details?

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Conclusion

Read the **Conclusion** and answer.

1. What is the conclusion?

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Writing Tip 1:

Start with a topic sentence and state that there are different arguments about it.

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Writing Tip 2:

Present different arguments on both sides and their supporting detail.

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Writing Tip 3:

Give your opinion and supporting detail.

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Writing Tip 4:

End with a clear conclusion.

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KEY LANGUAGE

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- Use this structure to write an essay about opposite ideas.



- Here are some good expressions and linking phrases for essay writing.

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2 Some argue for...
On the other hand, others argue that...

3 In my opinion,...

4 In conclusion,...

WHAT'S NEXT

In the next lesson, we will use the structure we learned today to practice a writing task!

See you next time!