

Structure of an Essay.

A discursive essay is a piece of formal writing which is focused on discuss a particular situation or problem and you may find three types of discursive essays:

- **For and Against** essays which present both sides of an issue or situation discussing points in favour of a particular topic as well as those against.
- **Opinion** essays which present the writer's personal opinion concerning the topic given.
- Essay **suggesting solutions** to problems, in which the writer analyses the problems associated with a particular issue or situation.

An essay generally consists of:

- A **short introductory paragraph**, maybe two or three lines, a brief summary of what the essay will show, but you only could express your opinion in this point, if it is an opinion essay.
- A **main body** with different ideas separated into paragraphs, giving examples or reasons, pros and cons, suggestions and solutions and so on. There are a lot of interesting connectors to use such as, on the one hand, on the other hand, in addition, furthermore, besides, apart from, however, nevertheless, the fact that and so on.
- A **closing paragraph** summarising the main points of the essay to reaffirm the ideas, giving your opinion using connector such as, in conclusion, on balance, to sum up, it is my belief, I firmly believe, etc.