

Writing

A for and against essay

1  2.34 Read the Model Text and listen. Then answer the questions.

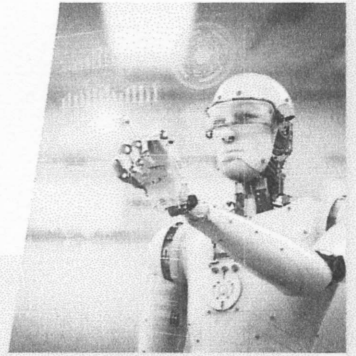
- 1 What advantages does Laura give in her essay?
- 2 What disadvantages does she give?
- 3 What is Laura's opinion?

Model Text

What are the advantages and disadvantages of using robots? Discuss.

- 1 Robots, such as drones, are already used for a variety of jobs. In the future, more and more jobs will be done by robots. This has both positive and negative aspects.
- 2 On the one hand, robots have many advantages. One advantage is that they can do dangerous or difficult tasks. Another advantage is that robots can analyse information and solve problems much faster than humans. Lastly, if robots do more of our work, we will have more free time to relax.
- 3 On the other hand, robots have some disadvantages. Firstly, they are expensive to develop and manufacture. Secondly, like all machines, they can break down and have to be repaired. Finally, some people warn that robots will create unemployment.
- 4 In conclusion, I agree that robots have some negative aspects. However, personally, I think that they have more advantages than disadvantages as they can make our lives easier.

Laura



2 Read the Model Text again. Match paragraphs 1–4 with a–d in your notebook.

- a) arguments against c) introduction
b) conclusion with opinion d) arguments for

i All Clear Tips

Linkers of contrast and sequencing

On the one hand, robots have many advantages.
On the other hand, they have some disadvantages.
Robots have some negative aspects. However, they have more advantages than disadvantages.
One advantage is ... Another advantage is ...
Lastly, ... Firstly, ... Secondly, ... Finally, ...

3 Read the All Clear Tips. Then choose the correct linkers. Write the answers in your notebook.

(1) **Lastly** / **On the one hand**, mobile phones have several advantages. (2) **However** / **Firstly**, you can speak to people and send messages wherever you are. (3) **Secondly** / **On the other hand**, you can do other things, such as listening to music. (4) **Finally**, / **One advantage is that** you can also take photos.

Writing Task

1 Plan

Make notes for a for and against essay about the advantages and disadvantages of the internet and include:

Introduction: *the present situation*

Arguments for: *advantages of the internet*

Arguments against: *disadvantages of the internet*

Conclusion: *your personal opinion, for or against the internet*

2 Write

Use the Model Text, your notes and this structure:

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Paragraph 2: Arguments for

Paragraph 3: Arguments against

Paragraph 4: Conclusion

3 Check

- vocabulary for developing products
- linkers of contrast and sequencing