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## Lecture 9 A Quick Introduction + Thesis Statement

# What to Write in an Introduction Paragraph

Introductions should not be more than 50 Words.

## What are the parts in the introduction:

- A general statement about the topic (If mentioned in the topic).
- A paraphrase of the statements in the question.
- Thesis Statement - Your plan (and your opinion if wanted)

# How to Start Each Part in the Introduction

## General Statement Sentence

There is no doubt that/ It is clear that ...

Nowadays.../ These days,... (Present Simple or Continuous)

In recent years, ... / Over the last few years,... (Present Perfect)

It is important to consider ... (+ Question word e.g. how/whether/why...)

## Paraphrase the question sentence

While some people believe ..., others argue that ...

There are many people who think...

While there are many benefits to ..., there are also some drawbacks to consider.

## Opinion and plan sentence

I completely agree/disagree with this statement...

I tend to agree/disagree with the former/latter argument ...

... and in this essay I will support my view with examples.

In this essay, I will discuss both sides of the argument/topic...

In this essay, I will explore/discuss some of the problems associated with ... and propose/suggest some solutions.

# Examples of an Introduction Paragraph

Some people say that it is possible to tell a lot about a person's culture and character from their choice of clothes. **Do you agree or disagree?**

There is an opinion saying that a lot can be understood from the way people choose to dress. This understanding can give us ideas about others' personality and cultural background. However, I disagree with the given statement because of financial limitations and social norms.

There is an opinion asserting that a lot can be inferred from the way people choose to dress. These interpretations can provide us with insights into others' personality and cultural background. I, however, disagree with the given statement on the basis of financial constraints and mandatory social conventions.

## Examples of an Introduction Paragraph

Some people believe that school children should not be given homework by their teachers, whereas others argue that homework plays an important role in the education of children. **Discuss both views and give your own opinion.**

While some people argue that it is not a good idea for teachers to assign home study tasks to school children, others say it is an essential part of a child's educational development. I agree with the latter, because home study tasks help pupils achieve better exam results which give them a good chance at entering higher education.

# Examples of an Introduction Paragraph

Today more and more tourists are visiting places where conditions are difficult, such as the Sahara desert or the Antarctic. **What are the benefits and disadvantages for tourists who visit such places?**

Evidence suggests that a growing number of visitors tend to travel to places with harsh conditions. Although there are a number of drawbacks involved in this trend, the benefits for tourists cannot be ignored.

Evidence suggests that a growing number of holidaymakers tend to vacation in places with an inhospitable environment. Although there are a number of drawbacks involved in this trend, the benefits accruing to tourists are by no means negligible.



# Examples of an Introduction Paragraph

Our cities are noisier than ever before. **Why is this so, and what can be done about it?**

It is said that urban areas suffer from noise pollution more than any other time in the history. Although there are specific causes behind this environmental concern, effective policies can be taken to solve the problem.

Heavily urbanized regions are said to suffer from noise pollution more than any other time in the history of mankind. Although there are specific root causes behind this environmental concern, effective policies can be adopted to remedy the situation.

# Examples of an Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world it is becoming popular to research the history of one's own family. **Why might people want to do this? Is it a positive or negative development?**

Exploring one's family background and history is becoming increasingly popular in numerous countries around the world. In my opinion, through research and knowing more about one's family, people can see common trends passed through generations and useful information which can only be seen as beneficial for people's future.

# Writing Task FIFTEEN

## Write an Introduction for Each of the Following Topics:

**Topic 1** - Nowadays computers are widely used in education. As a result, some people think teachers no longer play important roles in classrooms. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

**Topic 2** - Some people think that children should learn to compete, but others think that children should be taught to co-operate so that they could become more useful adults. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

**Topic 3** - Traditional food is undergoing great changes and being replaced by new diets. What do you think are the reasons and what do you think about this phenomenon?

**Topic 4** - Some think we can acquire knowledge from news reports. Others believe we cannot trust journalists. What do you think? What important qualities should a journalist have?

# Writing Task SIXTEEN

36. Highlight: to make a problem or subject easy to notice so that people pay attention to it

تاکید کردن، با تاکید نشان دادن

۳۶. جمعیت جهان در حال حاضر به اندازه ای زیادی در حال افزایش است، که **تاکید** بر نیاز به جستجو برای زمین مناسب برای اسکان مردم خارج از سیاره دارد.

37. Sanitation: the protection of public health by removing and treating waste, dirty water etc.

بهداشت

۳۷. حتی اگر توسعه های شهری قادر باشند جمعیت در حال افزایش را اسکان دهند، آب و برق رسانی، تصفیه فاضلاب، و **بهداشت** برای این حجم از سیاره ما غیرقابل کنترل خواهند شد.

38. Abound: to exist in very large numbers.

زیاد بودن، فراوانی داشتن (از این عبارت به جای There are many/much استفاده کنید)

۳۸. این فلزات و منابع طبیعی دیگر، هرچند نادر بر روی زمین، ممکن است در سیارات دیگر **فراوانی** داشته باشند.

# Writing Task SIXTEEN

39. Tackle: **to try to deal with a difficult problem.**

**حل کردن، برخورد کردن**

۳۹. سیاره ما در حال حاضر با یک مشکل پیش بینی نشده منابع مواجه است، که تنها با کشف منابع جدید در سیارات دیگر می تواند **حل شود**.

40. Well-being: **a feeling of being comfortable, healthy, and happy**

**خوبی، خوشی و سلامتی**

۴۰. علاوه بر جستجو برای یک پناهگاه برای نسل های آینده، برنامه های فضایی کمک زیادی (محسوسی) به **سلامت** کره زمین می کند. به عنوان مثال، با نظارت بر سوراخ لایه ازن، گرم شدن جهانی، از بین رفتن جنگل های بارانی و دیگر تهدیدهای زیست محیطی، ماهواره ها به مردم کمک می کنند تا راهکارهایی را برای بدترین تهدیدهای زیست محیطی بیابند.

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