

SENTENCE STARTERS FOR OPINION WRITING



Pro

One thing I enjoy is _____.
My favorite _____ is _____.
I absolutely love _____.
It's easy to see why I like _____.
I really appreciate _____.
I heartily approve of _____.
I get really excited when _____.
I feel positive about _____.
There's nothing I'd rather do than _____.
I look forward to _____.
I am in favor of _____.
I adore _____.
I'm very impressed by _____.
I strongly support _____.
I'm fond of _____.



Con

One thing I dislike is _____.
My least favorite _____ is _____.
I absolutely hate _____.
It's easy to see why I dislike _____.
I just can't appreciate _____.
I completely disapprove of _____.
I get very disappointed when _____.
I feel negative about _____.
There's nothing I'd like to avoid more than _____.
I dread _____.
I am against _____.
I abhor _____.
I'm unimpressed by _____.
I strongly oppose _____.
I don't care for _____.

Opinion Statements

In my opinion, _____.
To me, _____.
According to my point of view _____.
My belief is that _____.
As I see it, _____.
My attitude is that _____.

My stance is that _____.
From my point of view, _____.
I think that _____.
It seems to me that _____.
My position is that _____.

Transition Words

- because
- for the reason that
- given that
- as cited by
- as demonstrated by the fact that
- since
- as evidenced by
- in view of the fact that
- as illustrated by
- as
- seeing that
- in light of the fact that
- supported by the fact that

SENTENCE STARTERS FOR ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING

Research confirms _____

Experts agree _____

Statistics indicate _____

An informal survey revealed _____

The fact is _____

According to _____

Numerous studies suggest _____

This is evidence that _____

This is proven by _____

A surprising percentage of _____

Research corroborates _____

It's difficult to ignore _____

Studies published in _____

It is a well-known fact that _____

Authorities claim that _____

It seems obvious that _____

When I polled my classmates, I discovered _____

I created a survey to illustrate _____

Name _____

OPINION OR ARGUMENTATIVE?

Look at the sets of sentences below. One simply states an opinion. The other presents evidence that supports a point of view. This is the kind of sentence you'd find in an argumentative piece. Write an "O" next to the sentence that shares an opinion. Write an "A" next to the sentence that makes an argument in support of an point of view. The first one is done for you.

1. I am not in favor of an extended school day.

O

Research indicates that an extended school day does not lead to consistent gains in academic achievement.

A

2. When surveyed, 89% of all middle school students said they had their own cell phone and used it on a daily basis.

I believe that middle school students need their own cell phones because they're valuable in an emergency situation.

3. In my opinion, our school should definitely have a swimming team so that we can compete with our rival school.

"Competitive swimmers rarely suffer sports related injuries," said coach Mark Williamson.

4. Studies have shown that a great camp experience helps young teens build confidence and gain independence.

Everybody knows that going to sleepaway camp is an awesome experience.