

# GIVING YOUR OPINION



## GUIDELINES

1. THINK ABOUT THE READER.

2. THINK ABOUT THE APPROPRIATE LAYOUT.

3. BRAINSTORM THE TOPIC:

Read carefully the task you have been set and think of the key questions you need to ask yourself about the topic. Use these questions as headings for your plan and write down your ideas under these headings.

4. MAKE A PLAN:

Go through your ideas and cross out those you think are irrelevant or repetitive.

Arrange the remaining ones into possible paragraph topics.

5. THINK ABOUT VOCABULARY. Make a list of useful vocabulary.

6. LINK YOUR TEXT:

Use a phrase at the beginning of each paragraph to link it with the previous one. Think of pronouns, determiners or other expressions that you can use to provide cohesion to your text.

7. PARAGRAPHS:

- Write a gripping opening paragraph that gets the reader's attention. Remember that you want the reader to feel curious about your opinion.
- Arrange your ideas in paragraphs and link them with appropriate connectors (contrast and result).
- Think of your conclusion: Remember to sum up your ideas and arguments. Restate your opinion in the topic sentence and expand it mentioning or repeating briefly the reasons why you agree/disagree with the statement presented. You could also make a final, dramatic comment that leaves the reader with something to think about.

8. STYLE: Do not overgeneralise. Remember to back up your statements and opinions with reasons and examples.