

## A For and Against Essay

### 1 Choose the correct answer.

1. Microsoft is a highly respected software company. **On the one hand / Nevertheless**, it has been criticised for many reasons.
2. **However / Although** Bill Gates was the chairman of Microsoft, he still found time to read and play golf and bridge.
3. In order to create computer games, people should know about computers. **On the other hand, / But** it's more important to know how to write a good story.
4. Some computer games are games of luck. **On the other hand / However**, in other computer games, players win by making good decisions.
5. On the one hand, you can't get by without using a computer these days. **On the other hand, / But** you have to be careful not to get addicted to your computer!

### 2 Look at the expressions below and answer the questions that follow.

In my opinion • It's a fact that • In addition • For this reason • On the one hand • On the other hand

1. Which expression can't be used to present an opinion? .....
2. Which two expressions are usually used together? ..... and .....
3. Which expression presents a result of a situation? .....

### 3 Match A to B to show the correct plan for a for and against essay.

#### A

1. Opening
2. Body
3. Closing

#### B

- a. presents arguments for and against an issue, giving examples
- b. sums up the topic; states the writer's opinion
- c. states the issue

### 4 These sentences are taken from a for and against essay on downloading music to MP4s. Write next to the sentences where they belong: O (in the opening), B (in the body) or C (in the closing).

- .... 1. On the other hand, musicians and recording companies can't allow this situation to exist for long.
- .... 2. Are MP4s a breakthrough in technology or an accomplice to online piracy - the illegal downloading of songs?
- .... 3. In conclusion, Internet police must find and prosecute these illegal music distributors.
- .... 4. On the one hand, it's so tempting to get MP4 files for free.

## Answers

1. 1. Nevertheless      4. However  
2. Although      5. On the other hand,  
3. But
2. 1. It's a fact that  
2. On the one hand, On the other hand  
3. For this reason
3. 1. c    2. a    3. b
4. 1. B    2. O    3. C    4. B

Decide se as frases seguintes están en activa ou en pasiva.

1-They listen to music.

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2-She is reading an e-mail.

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3-These cars are produced in Japan.

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4-Alan teaches Geography.

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5-German is spoken in Austria.

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6-Lots of houses were destroyed by the earthquake.

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7-Henry Ford invented the assembly line.

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8-The bus driver was hurt.

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9-You should open your workbooks.

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10-New houses have been built.

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11-Boys like to play soccer.

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12-This room has been painted blue.

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13-Cricket is played in Australia.

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14-I was given a book yesterday

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15-We have lost our keys.

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16-You might see dolphins here.

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17-The report must be completed by next Friday.

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18-They were singing a song.

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19-She was written a letter.

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20-The bike is being repaired.

Resposta:

Activa: 1,2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, todas as demais están en pasiva.