

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	B
1. Opening a. presents arguments for and against an issue, giving examples
2. Body b. sums up the topic; states the writer's opinion
3. Closing 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.

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| 1-They listen to music. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 2-She is reading an e-mail. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 3-These cars are produced in Japan. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 4-Alan teaches Geography. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 5-German is spoken in Austria. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 6-Lots of houses were destroyed by the earthquake. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 7-Henry Ford invented the assembly line. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 8-The bus driver was hurt. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 9-You should open your workbooks. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 10-New houses have been built. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
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| 11-Boys like to play soccer. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 12-This room has been painted blue. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 13-Cricket is played in Australia. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 14-I was given a book yesterday | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 15-We have lost our keys. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 16-You might see dolphins here. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 17-The report must be completed by next Friday. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 18-They were singing a song. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 19-She was written a letter. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |
| 20-The bike is being repaired. | <input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="???"/> |

Resposta:

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