

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

Conditionals

1 Choose the correct answer.

1. If you like this CD, I'll **lend** / I **would lend** it to you.
2. You **won't** / **wouldn't** get lost if you had a GPS.
3. We'll discuss it if you **come** / **will come** over tonight.
4. If he **sends** / **sent** me an e-mail, I'd reply at once.
5. We'll miss the bus unless we **will leave** / **leave** now.

2 Choose the correct answer.

1. If you don't help me with the homework, ...
a. I won't be able to do it b. I wouldn't do it
2. John will take pictures of your family ...
a. unless he forgets his camera b. if you would ask him
3. If we saved some money, ...
a. we bought a new computer b. we could buy a laptop

3 Complete the sentences with the correct affirmative or negative form of the verbs in brackets.

1. You wouldn't disturb people if you (wear) headphones.
2. If she goes online, she (find) all the information she needs.
3. Jack can't travel to America unless he (get) a passport.
4. If I (have) a Palm Pilot to help me, I wouldn't be so well organised.
5. Unless the police catch the thief, they (find) the jewels.
6. What would you buy if you (win) the lottery?

4 Match A to B to form sentences.

- | A | B |
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| 1. If there's a good film on, | a. I'd refuse his offer. |
| 2. Dan would fix the TV | b. if he'd practised more. |
| 3. He would have played better | c. they wouldn't have been late. |
| 4. If I were you, | d. unless you know English. |
| 5. If the car hadn't broken down, | e. I'll go. |
| 6. You won't get the job | f. if he were here. |

5 Complete each sentence according to the meaning of the original sentences. Use the first, second or third conditionals.

1. We didn't visit the museum because it was closed.
We the museum if open.
2. The temperature may reach 0° C tonight and the lake will freeze.
If the temperature 0° C tonight, the lake
3. She hasn't got a laptop so she can't work when she's travelling.
If she a laptop, she when she travels.
4. Hurry or you'll miss the bus.
You the bus unless you
5. Bill had an accident because he was careless.
If Bill careless, he an accident.
6. Robbie is only nice to Ellie because she lets him borrow her iPod.
Robbie so nice to Ellie if she her iPod.

Answers:

- 1** 1. I'll lend 3. come 5. leave
2. wouldn't 4. sent
- 2** 1. a 2. a 3. b
- 3** 1. wore 3. gets 5. won't find
2. will find 4. didn't have 6. won
- 4** 1. e 2. f 3. b 4. a 5. c 6. d
- 5** 1. would have visited, it had been
2. reaches, will freeze
3. had, would be able to work / could work / would work
4. will miss, hurry
5. hadn't been, wouldn't have had
6. wouldn't be, didn't let him borrow / didn't lend him

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