



B2 First (FCE) Essay Writing Guide

Essay Structure (140–190 Words)

- Paragraph 1 – Introduction (2–3 sentences): Introduce the topic and paraphrase the task.
- Paragraph 2 – First Idea (4–5 sentences): Discuss and develop the first given point.
- Paragraph 3 – Second Idea + Your Own Idea (4–6 sentences): Develop both clearly.
- Paragraph 4 – Conclusion (2–3 sentences): Summarise and give a clear opinion.

Useful Linking Words

Adding: Firstly, In addition, Moreover, Furthermore

Contrasting: However, On the other hand, Although, In contrast

Examples: For example, For instance, Such as

Concluding: In conclusion, To sum up, Overall

Final Checklist Before Submission

- 140–190 words
- All notes included
- Own idea developed
- Clear opinion in conclusion
- Four clear paragraphs
- Formal or neutral tone
- Linking words used naturally

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