

WRITING AN

OPINION ESSAY



CHARACTERISTICS

- It's a **FORMAL** piece of writing
- Its objective is to present your perspective on a topic and justify it with arguments and examples



STRUCTURE



- INTRODUCTION
- MAIN BODY
 - made up of 2 or more paragraphs
- CONCLUSION

INTRODUCTION

- It presents the topic
- It includes your **THESIS STATEMENT**
- It's the **FOUNDATION** of your essay



THESIS STATEMENT

- It's your opinion on the topic
- It must be clearly stated
- In the rest of your essay you are going to provide evidence and examples to support it



MAIN BODY



- In this section you are going to provide arguments to support your point
- You can include a paragraph with the opposing view and refute it

MAIN BODY

- Each paragraph must discuss **ONE** idea
- The main idea of the paragraph is called the **TOPIC SENTENCE**



PARAGRAPH STRUCTURE

- The topic sentence is usually at the beginning of the paragraph
- The rest of the paragraph provides arguments and examples to support the main idea



CONCLUSION

- It's brief and concise
- It restates your opinion



LINKING WORDS



- They help you to CONNECT and ORGANIZE your ideas
- They make your arguments easier to follow for the reader

GIVING OPINION



- I strongly believe that...
- The way I see it...
- To my mind...
- In my view...

LISTING IDEAS



- To begin with...
- In the first place / Firstly...
- Secondly...
- Finally...

ADDING IDEAS

- What is more...
- Furthermore...
- Moreover...
- Besides...

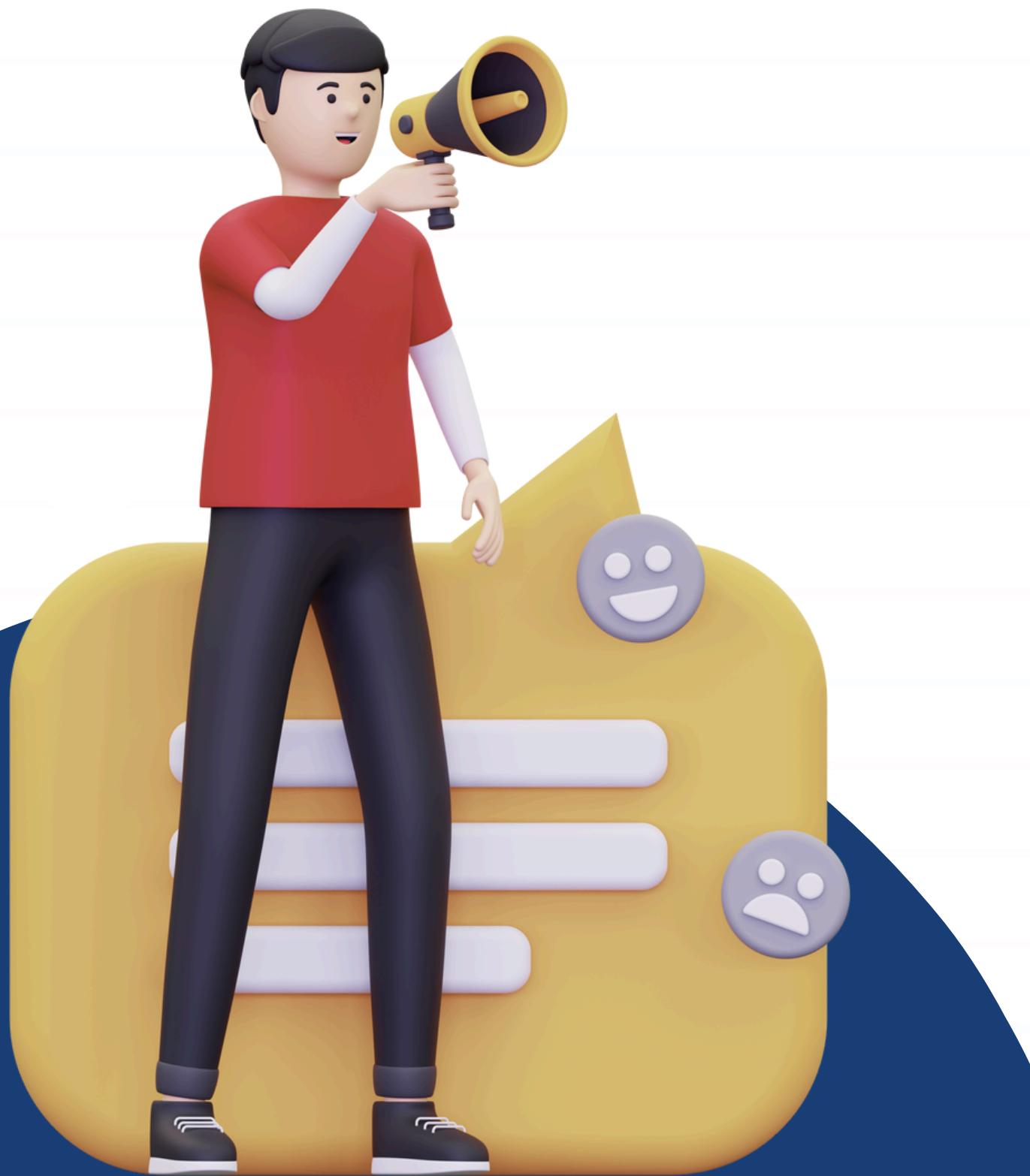


GIVING OPINION



- For instance...
- For example...
- Such as...
- Like...

CONCLUDING



- All in all...
- To sum up...
- In conclusion...
- All being said...

DOS AND DON'TS

- ✓ Clearly state your opinion
- ✓ Avoid informal expressions
- ✓ Refute the opposing view
- ✓ Cite sources to support your view



DOS AND DON'TS

- ✗ Use contractions
- ✗ Use emotional language
- ✗ Use personal anecdotes
- ✗ Use informal vocabulary



REMEMBER

- Check your essay for grammar and spelling mistakes
- Make sure your arguments flow logically

