

~ 17 average sentences; for 4-paragraph-essay split is something like 40 / 90 / 90 / 50 words (=270, just in advance).

IELTS writing 2 useful phrases

Introducing the topic

- Currently / These days ...
- These days, ...
- Over the few past decades...
- Issues related to ... are frequently discussed these days
- This essay will discuss ... / will examine the arguments for and against / will examine the reasons why people ... / will consider the positive and negative impacts of this and discuss ways to...
- In my opinion, the potential dangers from this are greater than the benefits we receive.
- However, ... is a contentious issue
- Although many people believe that..., others think that
- Although there are arguments on both sides, I strongly agree that...
- While early technologies certainly changed the lives of normal people, I believe that ...

Stating an opinion (thesis statement), general phrases

- I believe that... / It is evident that / It has been claimed that... / It is widely believed that... / It is certainly true to say that... / It is accepted that... / Many people consider that...
- There is no doubt that...
- Not only ... but it could also...
- First and foremost, ...
- The principal reason that people ... is because
- Smth has increasingly ... / people are increasingly using
- Smth take advantage of (natural light)
- There are many advantages (benefits) **to** (using the Internet)
- Smth may be endangered
- Smth aim to (teach young people moral values)
- Government should introduce ...
- Smth is at risk of ...
- ... a responsibility towards (the older people)

Giving reasons

- One reason for this is that...
- This can be explained by...
- This can be attributed to the fact that...
- It should also be stated that...

Refuting opinions

- I would dispute this, however.
- However, this is not necessarily the case.
- There are some faults with this reasoning, however.
- On the other hand, ...

Concluding and summarising

- In conclusion, To conclude...
- To sum up...
- Overall, ... / On the whole, ...
- I strongly believe that...
- In conclusion, it is clear that
- The advantages (benefits) of ... outweigh the disadvantages (drawbacks).

Linking phrases

Nevertheless, however, although, in addition, therefore, furthermore, moreover, also, despite this, finally, in fact, indeed, consequently, eventually, thereafter (впоследствии) ... (see speaking brief file)