

<b>Argument Led Essay Checklist</b> For the 200 word practice essay <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Part</b>	<b>Checklist</b>	<b>Done ?</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	The introduction begins with a general statement (such as a fact) that introduces the topic.	
	The second part of the introduction states that the essay will consider both sides of the argument (e.g. advantages <u>and</u> disadvantages).	
	The introduction is approximately 40 words long overall.	
<b>Body</b>	Advantages and disadvantages <sup>2</sup> are considered in separate paragraphs.	
	The advantages <sup>2</sup> paragraph contains 2 or 3 specific examples.	
	The disadvantages <sup>2</sup> paragraph contains 2 or 3 specific examples.	
	The body is approximately 120 words long overall.	
<b>Conclusion</b>	The conclusion summarises the body.	
	The conclusion ends with the writers own opinion. <sup>3</sup>	
	The conclusion is approximately 40 words long overall.	
<b>General</b>	<i>Block paragraphing</i> or <i>indent paragraphing</i> is used to show new paragraphs.	
	Handwriting is easy to read.	
	Overall, ideas are communicated clearly.	

<sup>1</sup> Remember that when doing the IELTS exam, task 2 of the writing part requires that you write at least 250 words in 40 minutes.

<sup>2</sup> The real IELTS exam may use different words to refer to "advantages" and "disadvantages", such as "pros" and "cons".

<sup>3</sup> In the IELTS exam, only offer your own opinion if the task asks for it.