

C1.1 How to Write an Opinion Article

TITLE

E.g., “Why Our Childhood Memories Still Matter”

INTRODUCTION (2–3 sentences)

Purpose: introduce the topic + present your viewpoint

- Start with a general statement, question, or reflection.
- Briefly present the issue.
- State your stance clearly.

Template:

Many people believe that... However, in my view...

Although we often focus on the present, it is becoming increasingly clear that...

My personal experience has convinced me that...

BODY PARAGRAPH 1 – First main idea + supported by an example

Purpose: develop your argument with explanation + anecdote

- Introduce your key point with a topic sentence.
- Add details or evidence.
- Include a short personal example or memory if relevant.

Template:

To begin with, one of the main reasons why... is that...

I have a vivid memory of... which taught me that...

This experience shaped my understanding of...

BODY PARAGRAPH 2 – Second idea + broader reflection

Purpose: expand your argument, connect to society or identity

- Show a wider perspective.
- Compare past and present if useful.
- Comment on generational or cultural implications.

Template:

Furthermore, this issue goes beyond personal experience.

On a wider scale, it reveals how...

Compared to previous generations, we now tend to...

This shift illustrates that...

CONCLUSION – Final reflection (2–3 sentences)

Purpose: summarise + provide insight

- Reaffirm your opinion.
- Offer a concluding thought or recommendation.

Template:

In conclusion, it seems clear to me that...

Ultimately, what truly matters is...

If we want to... then we should...

Useful C1 expressions for opinion articles

- *It could be argued that...*
- *From my perspective...*
- *What many people fail to realise is that...*
- *This raises the question of whether...*
- *It is worth remembering that...*
- *In hindsight...*
- *All things considered...*