

WRITING: AN OPINION ESSAY

- Linkers of addition and result

1.- Circle the correct linkers

Cycling is good for your health. (1.1.) **What's more** / **As a result** it's good for the environment. In some city centres, they have banned most cars. (1.2.) **Furthermore** / **As a result** it is very safe to cycle in those centres. (1.3.) **Furthermore** / **As a result**, a lot of companies now help their workers to buy bikes. (1.4.) **Consequently** / **Furthermore** more and more people are cycling to work in these cities.

2.- Complete the opinion essay with the phrases in the box.

Finally At present In conclusion in my opinion negative effects Secondly What's more

Petrol and diesel cars should be banned from city centres

_____ (2.1.) most cities allow petrol and diesel cars into their centres. In London there is a 'Congestion Charge' for driving them in the centre which has reduced traffic pollution a little. But, _____ (2.2.) it would be better if these cars were entirely banned and only clean electric cars were allowed.

Firstly, car emissions contain carbon dioxide, the main 'greenhouse gas'. Rising levels of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere will lead to disastrous changes in the world's climate.

_____ (2.3.), car fumes cause poor air quality in our cities. Furthermore, this air is often carried by winds in the countryside. This has _____ (2.4.) on people's health.

_____ (2.5.), there are too many cars on the roads anyway. Consequently there are a lot of traffic jams and travelling by car, taxi or bus in city centres is at present often very slow and frustrating.

_____ (2.6.), I believe that banning petrol and diesel cars from city centres is necessary to improve our environment. _____ (2.7.), it would also be good for people's health. And it would make driving times quicker for taxis, buses and any clean electric cars allowed into centres.

3.- Match the sentence beginnings with the endings.

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| 3.1.- Londons Congestion Change | a).- bad for health. |
| 3.2.- It would be better if | b).- causes slow journeys. |
| 3.3.- Car emissions contain | c).- CO2. |
| 3.4.- Car fumes are | d).- has reduced traffic pollution in the centre. |
| 3.5.- Too much traffic | e).- petrol and diesel cars weren't allowed in city centres. |
| 3.6.- Banning conventional cars from city centres | f).- will improve our environment. |