

Essay writing

Key skills

The process

- Conduct research
- Prepare a draft
- Edit the draft (peer editing possible)
- Write final draft

Writing the draft

- Introduction
- Main body
- Conclusion

The introduction

- Context - why is this topic important?
Here you are setting the scene for the essay.
- Thesis statement - answer the essay question by writing what you consider to be the main reason(s) or explanation(s).

The main body - Topic sentence

The main body is made up of a series of paragraphs, each looking at a different single topic idea. For each paragraph;

- Begin with a **topic sentence**. This should;
 1. introduce the topic, and
 2. directly answer the question.

Example of a topic sentence

- One of the earliest indications that Man City were destined for greatness was the signing of Robinho in 2008.

Main body - make sure you PEE!

- For that **P**oint provide some **E**vidence (or an example) to support it.
- Next you need to **E**xplain how your point and evidence answers the question.

PEE example

- The fact that City beat Chelsea to Robinho's signature, combined with the £35m transfer fee, meant the club gained new respect in the English football community.

Conclusion

- Summarise the most important points/arguments.
- Answer the essay question by restating the thesis statement.