

Q1: Match the Linking Word/Phrase to Its Purpose

1. <i>On the other hand</i>	a) introduces your first point in a series of arguments
2. <i>To sum up</i>	b) used to show another viewpoint or introduce a contrasting idea
3. <i>Firstly</i>	c) adds further information to strengthen your argument
4. <i>I'm not suggesting...</i>	d) politely clarifies that you disagree without rejecting something completely
5. <i>What's more...</i>	e) introduces an opposing or alternative opinion you don't fully agree with
6. <i>Some people say... but...</i>	f) summarizes and restates your main points

Q2: Putting Paragraphs in Order

Below are four paragraphs (A, B, C, D) from a short opinion essay about the statement "Young people spend too much time on social media." They are in the wrong order. Number them 1–4 in the correct logical sequence for an opinion essay.

A. All things considered, it seems to me that social media itself is not the real problem. Instead, it's how people choose to use it. If they balance online activities with face-to-face contact, there's no harm. Therefore, I think social media can be beneficial if used carefully.

B. On the other hand, many young people learn a great deal from social media. They follow news channels, watch informative videos, and keep up with global events. This can broaden their horizons and improve their general knowledge.

C. To begin with, it's true that many teenagers are glued to their phones. Some spend hours scrolling through endless updates instead of going outside or interacting with friends in person.

D. It's often said that young people focus more on social media than real life. I fully agree with this point to some extent, but I believe the issue is more about healthy use of technology rather than simply banning it.

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Q3: Fill the gaps with **one** suitable linking phrase from the box:

In my opinion | In addition | However | Finally | On the other hand

1. _____, social media can be a great way to keep in touch with friends who live far away.
2. _____, some argue that spending too much time online causes problems like isolation or stress.
3. _____, I think young people need to learn a balance between online and offline activities.
4. _____, social media can be used positively for community projects or raising awareness about important issues.
5. _____, we must remember that online interactions can never fully replace face-to-face communication.

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Q4: Choose one of these topics:

- "School uniforms should be mandatory."
- "Physical exercise is the best way to relieve stress."
- "Our society is too dependent on technology."

Complete the outline below with your ideas:

1. Introduction

- Present the topic/question:
- State your overall opinion (agree, disagree, or partially agree):

2. Body Paragraph 1

- Reason/argument supporting your opinion:
- Example or explanation:

3. Body Paragraph 2

- Opposing view or additional support:
- Example or explanation:

4. Conclusion

- Summarise your main points:
- Restate your opinion strongly:

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Answers:

Q1: 1-b (*On the other hand* = contrasting idea), 2-f, 3-a, 4-d, 5-c, 6-e

Q2: Putting paragraphs in order: D (Intro), C (Body 1), B (Body 2), A (Conclusion).

Q3: **5 (Linking Phrases):**

1. In addition
2. On the other hand
3. In my opinion
4. Finally
5. However

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