

PLANNING YOUR ESSAY



CHOOSING YOUR TOPIC



Before starting to write, you need to decide on a topic and a few subtopics for your essay.

TOPIC

The topic could be:

- A subject (“Facts about dogs”)
- A thesis (“School should start later in the morning”)
- A question (“Why do Swedes drink coffee?”).

SUBTOPICS

Use the subtopic boxes to write down important points to bring up in your essay:

- Facts (about dogs)
- Arguments (for why school should start later)
- Possible answers (to why Swedes drink coffee)

SUBTOPIC = PARAGRAPH

A good rule of thumb is that each subtopic gets its own paragraph in your essay. 2-4 subtopics is enough for most shorter essays.

TEXT TYPES

The three types of topics creates three types of texts:

- Informative text: subject + facts
- Argumentative text: thesis + arguments
- Discussion text: question + possible answers

PLANNING YOUR SUBTOPICS



Use the template to write down ideas for a topic and 2-4 subtopics for your essay.

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