

## An opinion essay

I can write an essay suggesting how to spend €1 million.

### Preparation

1 Read the task and the essay. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- Sarah wants a sound system because she hasn't got anything for listening to music.
- Her brother loves football.
- She'd give money to an organisation that helps homeless people.
- She'd spend most of the money.

If you won €1 million in the lottery, what would you do with it? Write an essay and include your ideas. Give reasons for your choices.

If I won €1 million, there are a lot of things I would like to do with the money. It would be nice to buy myself something, but it would also be good to help others.

First of all, I would buy myself a docking station with fantastic speakers. Although I have got an MP3 player and some speakers, they are not very good.

Secondly, I would buy a new car for my mum. Her car is really old. I would buy my brother a Liverpool kit and a scarf. He is a really big Liverpool fan!

Thirdly, there are a lot of homeless people in my city. I would donate money to the local hostel. If I gave them €5,000, they could buy a lot of meals for homeless people.

Finally, I would save at least half of the money. In my opinion, it would be silly to spend it all now. What is more, if I invested the money, it would grow, and I would have more to spend in the future.

To sum up, I would buy something nice for myself and other members of my family, support local charities, and also save some money for the future.

#### Writing Strategy

In your writing, avoid starting too many sentences with the same words. Remember that you can:

- use a variety of phrases for introducing opinions (*It seems to me ...*, *In my opinion ...*, etc.) and for making additional points (*Moreover ...*, *Furthermore ...*, etc.).
- start conditional sentences with the *if* clause or the main clause.
- use concession clauses (*although ... / even though ...*) at the beginning or end of a sentence.

2 Read the Writing Strategy. Then underline the following in the essay:

- one concession clause (starting with *Even though*, *although*, etc.).
- three second conditional sentences (with an *if* clause and a main clause).
- one phrase for introducing an opinion.
- four phrases for listing four points.
- one phrase for introducing an additional point.

3 Read the task in exercise 1 again. Make notes for your answer.

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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First idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Second idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Third idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fourth idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Writing Guide

4 Use your notes from exercise 3 to write an essay. Include an introduction and a conclusion.

#### CHECK YOUR WORK

Have you ...

- used a variety of different ways to begin sentences?
- checked your spelling and grammar?