

# Good Points and Bad Points

Look at these issues with a partner.

Decide if you are .. in favor, against or have mixed opinions

owning a car

using the internet

getting married

keeping a pet

children learning a foreign language

eating meat

using air-conditioning

dividing household garbage into different kinds

You are going to read two compositions about one of these topics.  
Which of these tips do you think help you to write a good composition  
explaining the advantages and disadvantages of an idea?

1. Use a large variety of words.
2. Repeat important words many times for emphasis.
3. Put your ideas into one big paragraph.
4. Separate your ideas into three or four paragraphs.
5. Make a new paragraph for each new sentence.
6. Use words like "but" and "although" to make longer sentences.
7. Use only simple short sentences.
8. Write an introduction at the beginning.
9. Say your own opinion clearly at the beginning.
10. Leave out your opinion. Let the reader decide.

Which of these tips do the two writers follow?

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Now choose one of the other topics.  
Make notes below of the advantages and disadvantages.

