

# SPECTRUM TUITION PTY LTD

## PRACTICE EXERCISE 1 – STRUCTURING AN INTRODUCTION

### Writing Introductions

Below is a template for writing an introduction. All you need is 5 simple sentences, as shown below. If you follow this template, you'll have a perfect introduction to your essay.

<b>Opening sentence</b>	As __ has increased, an interesting issue has arisen: should __? As ____ has increased, some have suggested that _____. Recently, the issue of _____ has again sparked debate. The controversial issue of __ is again being heatedly debated.
<b>Why it is controversial</b>	Some argue that ____ (the opposite side of the debate to yours) These people argue ____ . Many have suggested that _____. Others believe _____.
<b>Your contention</b>	However, it is clear that _____ (your contention)
<b>Supporting arguments</b>	(This is because) _____ (3 arguments, briefly)
<b>Concluding sentence</b>	Therefore, _____ (restatement of contention)

### Example:

As the use of mobile phones among younger people has increased, an interesting issue has arisen: should primary school students be allowed to own mobile phones. Some argue that mobile phones are important for the safety of a child, while others think that they are an unnecessary distraction. However, it is clear that primary school students are too young for the responsibility of owning a mobile phone. This is because it distracts them from their education, it enforces poor social skills and it can cost their parents a significant amount of money. Therefore, it is clear that children should not own phones until they are in their teenage years, when they are mature enough to handle the responsibility.

## Practice Questions

Chose one of the topics from the previous activity and write an introduction to your persuasive essay using the following structure.

*Recently, the issue of* \_\_\_\_\_

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*has again sparked debate. Some argue that* \_\_\_\_\_

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*However, it is clear that* \_\_\_\_\_

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*This is because* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Therefore,* \_\_\_\_\_

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