

Many people believe vivisection is immoral. Discuss the view #that scientists should not conduct medical experiments on #animals that they would not conduct on humans.

A good answer to the question will show that you can:

ü research and think around the subject.

ü organise your ideas and present the facts in such a way that they come to a logical conclusion.

ü use an appropriate style and a good range of vocabulary.

ü write correct, accurate English.

First, though, you need to assemble your facts. Click on the weblink (right) and make notes on paper or in your Scratch Pad. You are looking for points for the statement and points against

Introduction

ð Look for a catchy beginning. Link the essay to something topical, if possible, or to a personal experience.

ð Define any terms that are ambiguous.

ð State how you intend to approach the topic.

ð Remember that first impressions count! You are likely to be judged disproportionately on your introduction.

Conclusion

ð You can briefly summarise the main points (though this may not be necessary in a very short essay).

ð Come to a clear conclusion that relates exactly to the title and is supported by the body of the essay.

ð Do not be afraid of coming to a conclusion that neither supports nor rejects the thesis. (eg "Before any conclusion can be reached, further research needs to be done on the accuracy of experiments on human cell tissue.")

Body

ð Present your facts in a logical order. For example, present all the advantages first and follow them with the disadvantages.

ð Use linking words to connect your ideas (because, therefore...).

ð Use topic sentences to open a paragraph and make sure your arguments are clear.

ð Do not make unsupported statements (eg "Everyone agrees that medical experiments are cruel."). Statements should be supported by evidence.

Use structure to make your writing easy to understand.

The text about birds sets out the facts in time order. It is therefore easy for the reader to understand how one fact leads on to the next. The global warming text sets out causes and effects according to their logical sequence, again making it easy for the reader to understand the argument.

It doesn't matter what sort of structure you use, but if your text does not flow logically, the reader will lose track of your argument.

1. Texts in time order are chronological, starting at the beginning and ending at the end.
2. If texts follow logic, one event results logically in the next.
3. A narrative text follows the order that makes the best story.
4. With a parallel structure the order of topics is unimportant.
5. Deductive texts start with a problem and move to a solution.

Always remember that you are writing for someone else. Constantly ask yourself this question: "Is it easy for the reader to understand what I am writing?" One way of making your writing easier to understand is to use linking words. These words connect statements in various ways. Click on the green words below to learn more.

ð linking by time (eg Firstly...)

ð linking by logic (eg Therefore...)

ð linking by addition (eg Moreover...)

ð linking by contrast (eg However...)

Go back to some of the work you have done recently and study your use of linking words.