

A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

TOPIC

Your school newspaper has asked students to write on the following topic: Is failure always a negative experience, or can it have a positive effect too? Write a passage for the newspaper presenting arguments for and against. Express your opinion at the end.

PLAN

<p>Opening Introduces the topic.</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>Paragraph 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure – good or bad?
<p>Body Presents arguments for and against in separate paragraphs.</p>	<p>Paragraph 2 arguments against</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discouraging may give up <p>Paragraph 3 arguments for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increases motivation leads to success
<p>Conclusion Adds concluding comments and your opinion.</p>	<p>Paragraph 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not necessarily negative depends on person

MODEL

FAILURE – HARMFUL OR HELPFUL?

Most people think of failure as something to be avoided at all costs. But can failure have benefits too? The answer depends on how you look at it.

On the one hand, doing poorly on an exam can make us question our abilities and damage our self-confidence. In addition, parents' high expectations can make it difficult for students to cope with failure. They may become discouraged and feel that there is no point in making an effort.

On the other hand, failure can strengthen our determination to do better in the future. Many inventors, for example, have seen failure as a challenge and gone on to invent the technology that makes our lives easier today.

Failure is an unavoidable fact of life; however, it needn't be negative in my opinion. Failure can be a positive experience if we look at it as a step on the way to success.

Useful Language

On the one hand,	for example,	Moreover,	However,	In my opinion,
On the other hand,	for instance,	Furthermore,	In contrast,	In conclusion,
		In addition,	In comparison	To conclude,