

Writing a Series of Opinion Paragraphs

Steps in writing the Series of Opinion Paragraphs:

1. Read and understand the task and the prompt.

Task: *Write a minimum of 3 paragraphs expressing an opinion on the topic below. Develop your main idea with supporting details (proof, facts, examples, etc.).*

Audience: *An adult who is interested in your opinion.*

Prompt: *Are cell phones necessary in teenager's lives?*

2. Pull the instructions apart to understand what you must cover in your writing.

There are four things to consider:

- A. I have to write a minimum of three paragraphs (with an introduction, a body and a conclusion).**
 - B. I have to develop an opinion (“Yes, I think cell phones are necessary [essential] in teenager’s lives”, or “No, cell phones are not necessary in teenager’s lives”).**
 - C. I have to come up with details that support my opinion.**
 - D. I have to remember that my audience is an adult.**
3. Begin your brainstorming. What are three reasons that could support your opinion?

Yes, I think cell phones are necessary in teenager’s lives because:

- A. They keep you safe.**
 - B. You can communicate with parents/caregivers.**
 - C. They teach you responsibility.**
4. Using this information (your opinion plus the three reasons that prove your opinion), write your introductory paragraph.

I believe that cell phones are necessary in teenager’s lives. Although many adults might disagree, cell phones are essential to teens because they can keep you safe, they can be used to communicate with your parents or caregivers, and they teach you to be responsible.

5. For each one of your reasons, develop your response by coming up with proof.

Body Paragraph One:

Reason: Cell phones are necessary in teenager's lives because they can help keep you safe.

Details:

1. Cell phones can have tracking devices added to them, so that parents/caregivers always know their teens whereabouts.
2. Having a cell phones means that you can call for help immediately if there is an emergency.
3. If you are lost, you can use Google Maps or GPS to help you find your way.

6. Using your reason and your proof, write each body paragraph.

Body Paragraph One:

Cell phones are necessary to teenagers today because they help keep you safe. Because cell phones are portable and most people carry them with them all the time, they can be a useful tool in the case of an emergency. For example, most cell phones today can have tracking technology added to them, so that parents/caregivers can always know where their teens are. This might be useful to the police if a teen was ever abducted or seriously injured and unable to call for help. Secondly, if you are ever involved in an accident or if you witness a crime taking place, you can call the police immediately using your mobile phone. Finally if you happen to get lost, a cell phone's GPS system might help you to get to a safe place more quickly. Cell phones are very handy when it comes to safety.

6. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for your remaining two body paragraphs.
7. Write a concluding paragraph which restates your original opinion and explains why each of your arguments is important.

In conclusion, cell phones are very important to today's teenagers. Without a cell phone, a teenager might not be able to get help when they really need it. In addition, without getting calls or texts, parents might worry about where their teens are and what they are doing when they are on their own. Cell phones help teenagers to communicate responsibly and to be independent, which is so important as they near adulthood. For many reasons, cell phones have become tools that teenagers shouldn't live without.