

Abi-Training: Writing a comment

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1 Understand the task. Rewrite each Abitur task in your own words: What exactly must you do, and in what form?

comment = give and justify your opinion. assess = weigh up and come to a judgement. discuss = arguments for and against, then a conclusion.

- a) „Comment on the view that social media has made political debate worse.”

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- b) „Assess the role of the individual in fighting climate change.”

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- c) „Discuss whether English should be the only working language of the EU.”

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2 Build the argument: For the first task in A, collect material.

Examples from your course topics (media, democracy, globalisation) count more than general statements.

- a) Two arguments supporting the view (with a concrete example each):

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- b) Two arguments against (with example):

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- c) Your position in one sentence:

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3 Paragraph craft: Rewrite the weak paragraph so that it has a topic sentence, evidence, explanation and a link to the thesis.

Topic sentence -> example/evidence -> explanation of why it matters -> link back.

- a) Weak: „Social media is bad for debate. There are many fake news. People get angry. Also the algorithms. This shows that social media is bad.”

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4 Write the comment (250 to 300 words) on the first task in A.

Vary sentence length. Use precise linking words (whereas, consequently, admittedly, in contrast). No „In this essay I will”.

- a) Introduction with a hook and your thesis, two or three body paragraphs, one counter-argument taken seriously, conclusion with an outlook or a demand.

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