Writing an essay

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Word	Example
essay /ˈeseɪ/	An **essay** argues for one view.
discursive /dɪˈskɜːsɪv/	A **discursive** essay looks at both sides of a question.
argumentative /ˌɑːgjuːˈmentətɪv/	An **argumentative** essay tries to make the reader agree with you.
introduction /ˌɪntrəˈdʌkʃn/	Your **introduction** tells the reader what the article is about.
body /ˈbɒdi/	The **body** of the essay comes between the introduction and the conclusion.
conclusion /kənˈkluːʒn/	In your **conclusion**, sum up your main points.
linking words /ˈlɪŋkɪŋ wɜːdz/	**Linking words** such as “first” and “however” join your ideas. “first” “however”

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