

WRITING TIPS – HOW TO WRITE AN ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY
(STRUCTURING ARGUMENTS; USEFUL PHRASES)

SAMPLE ESSAY:

Should women have a career?

introduction	Should the traditional roles of men and women be swapped? Should women work to earn money, while men stay at home and bring up their children? Would there even be children? Recently, many people have been thinking about such questions. (40)
bridge	There are certainly some good reasons why women should be able to have a career. (15)
argument + 1	First of all, everybody has the right to live their lives like they want and be happy. If a woman wants to be a successful businesswoman, other people should accept this. (31)
argument + 2	Another argument is that women who have a good job earn enough money, so they are not dependent from men. They can buy what they want, and they don't have to ask their husband or boyfriend if he gives them some money. (42)
argument + 3	Some people also say that women are better than men at certain jobs, because they are more helpful, patient and peaceful. That is the reason why many nurses, teachers or receptionists are women. (33)
argument - 1	However, it can be very difficult to combine a career and a family, and women who work much often cannot really care for their children. If they have children, they must send them to kindergarten or to their grandparents from a very early age, and so some women decide not to have children at all. (55)
argument - 2	It must also be said that many women would prefer spending their time with their children rather than at work. In fact, they only go working because they need the money. In many cases, they are single mothers, or their husband doesn't earn enough money. (45)
argument - 3	Finally, one traditional argument why women shouldn't work is that they are responsible for keeping the family happy. They must cook, clean the house and bring up the children. Some people even claim that this is what God wanted, because it says so in the bible. (46)
resolution	I believe that in the end, every woman should be able to choose what is most important for her. A good solution can be that a mother could do a part time job or work from home on the internet, so that she has enough time for her family and her career. (52)

(395 words)