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# LANGUAGE: Stating an opinion

- Introduction**
- a) Examine the statement and define what it means.
  - b) Say how you are going to deal with the problem.

- Development**
- a) Decide what your point of view is going to be.
  - b) First look at the opposite point of view.
  - c) Then develop your own argument in a logical way.
  - d) Each paragraph you write must add something new to your argument.

- Conclusion**
- a) State the conclusion which follows from your arguments.
  - b) Sometimes there is no clear solution to the problem contained in the question. In this case you might suggest a solution but point out that it is only one of a number of alternatives.

## ***The following phrases may help you:***

### Introduction:

**a) Examine the statement and define what it means.**

*Let's examine what .... means.*  
*It is generally believed that...*  
*Most people think that...*  
*At first sight this statement seems to be true.*

**b) Say how you are going to deal with the problem.**

*The first thing that comes to my mind is...*  
*In the first place I'd like to say that...*  
*First of all let's get the facts straight.*  
*Let's begin with the fact that...*  
*Let me make quite clear from the start that...*  
*The first question we have to answer is if / wh....*  
*First we must define what we mean by...*  
*Let's start by weighing up the pros and cons.*



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