

- + Choose which do you prefer. Leave that choice aside.
- + **Pick the opposite opinion – the counterargument.**
- + **Consider that (the opposite claim) for developing a refute paragraph!**

**Remember the important sentences of the refute paragraph and the key words for how to start them:**

**What to do ?**

**How to start?**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Acknowledge</b></li> <li>2. <b>Validate (+)</b> (show some advantage)</li> <li>3. <b>Find Weakness (- in the +)</b><br/>Or state that the advantage of your choice outweighs the advantage(s) of the opposite</li> <li>4. <b>Show Your choice is better</b><br/>by re-sating &amp; reestablishing your claim</li> </ol> | <p><b>It is true that</b> many may prefer/ believe/choose<br/><b>It is true that</b> .....<b>is another good option</b></p> <p><b>One cannot deny that</b> ...ing can be/ help to.....</p> <p><b>However,</b> .....</p> <p><b>Therefore,</b>....</p> |
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**A sample formula to use/ to fill in to make a refute paragraph**

**It is true that** (verb-ing the opposite claim) \_\_\_\_\_ **can**  
**also be a good option.** **One cannot deny that,** (validate the opposite claim/ give +) when  
we \_\_\_\_\_

**However,** the importance of **one of the advantages / reasons of your**  
**argument** \_\_\_\_\_ **outweighs this advantage.** **Therefore,**  
**I choose and recommend** (your argument) **verb-ing** \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay topic:** Some people like to **do only what they already do well.** Others **prefer to try new things and take risks.** Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

**It is true that** trying new things **can also be a good option.** **One cannot deny that,**  
**when we try new things, we develop new skills.** **However,** the importance of **being more**  
**experienced in what we do well outweighs this advantage.** **Therefore,** I choose and  
**recommend** doing what we already do well.

**Essay topics to try refute paragraph:**

1. **Some people are always in a hurry to get things done. Others prefer to take their time and do several considerations before they do anything.** Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
2. **Some people enjoy change, and they look forward to new experiences. Others like their lives to stay the same, and they do not change their usual habits.** Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
3. **Some believe that computers make our lives easier. Others believe that computers complicate our lives.** Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
4. **Some people prefer friends who different from themselves. Other prefer similar friends.** Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
5. **Some people prefer to work for a large company. Other prefer to work for a small company.** Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
6. Some like **to travel with a companion.** Others prefer **to travel alone.**
7. Some people **spend their entire life in one place.** Others **move a number of times throughout their lives.**
8. Some people **like to do what they do well.** Others prefer **to try new things.**
9. Some people are always **in a hurry to get things done.** Others prefer **to take time and do things in a slower pace.**
10. Some people prefer **to work in a small company.** Others prefer **to be employed by a big corporation.**
11. Some believe the schools should allow **students to decide what subjects to take.** Others believe that **schools should decide the needed subject for students** and set a schedule for them.