**Basic steps of writing an essay**

**1/ Introduction:** Introduce the main topic and what the next § will include (augmenting, discussing, comparing, narrating…something)

Remember: \*The introduction should be brief (01§) \* Never give your opinion

\*Give no details or examples \* Say what your essay is about

**2/ Development:** this is where you get to discuss your topic and all its points

\*It should be longer (minimum 2 to 3 §)

\*Make each point with at least one example

\*Specify each idea in an individual paragraph

**3/ conclusion:** the ending should be in one paragraph and in general it is a summary of what you have written.

**\*A few more points:** \*Try to use stylish language

\* Keep it impersonal (avoid using ‘I’ or ‘WE’)

\* If it’s argumentative or a composition, always states both sides

\* Make a plan before you start writing, it would make your paragraph or essay look more organized/ lesser your grammatical mistakes.

**Discourse connectors:** linking words are used so that sentences and ideas look connected and related to each other and are in a correct order. In order to express for example something, you can use:

1. **Addition**: also, besides, in addition to, moreover, furthermore, not only…but also…
2. **Reason**: as, because, since, because of, due to, this is why…
3. **Purpose**: in order to, so as to, to…
4. **Result**: consequently, as a result, so, therefore, hence, thus…
5. **Concession**: despite, although, in spite of…
6. **Opposition**: but, however, yet, on the contrary, in one hand…on the other hand…

**Exercise**: write a short essay where you discuss the danger surrounding laboratory accidents.

***Topic plan example*:**

causes

results

**PS:** ‘…?’ you can fill that with your

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definition

laboratory accidents

prevention

students further suggestions if available.