

Unit 1 Lesson 7 Writing an Analytical Essay

Analytical Essay Organization and Content

Ex 3,4,5,6,7

Ex 8,9 Model Analytical Essay about Social Media



What is an Analytical Essay?

An **analytical essay** is a type of writing that looks at a topic in detail. The writer presents their ideas or opinions and **supports them with facts from reliable sources**. The essay has a clear structure:

- an **introduction** to present the topic,
- body paragraphs** with separate ideas and evidence,
- and a **conclusion** to summarize the writer's point of view.

المقال التحليلي هو نوع من الكتابة يدرس موضوعًا بعمق. يقدم الكاتب أفكاره أو رأيه، ويقوم بدعمها بحقائق من مصادر موثوقة.

يتبع المقال هيكلًا واضحًا:

- مقدمة لعرض الموضوع
- فقرات أساسية تناقش كل فكرة مع أدلتها
- خاتمة تلخص رأي الكاتب النهائي

LESSON 7A WRITING | An analytical essay



1 In pairs, answer the questions.

- 1 Do you think computer technology will change the way children communicate in the future? Why?
- 2 Can you think of one positive way and one negative way in which technology might change children's lives?

2 Read one student's answer to the essay question given below and compare it with your ideas from Exercise 1.

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كتابة | مقال تحليلي

التنظيم

- ابحث في الموضوع باستخدام مصادر موثوقة.
- خطط لما تريد كتابته.
- قدم موضوعك في أول فقرة (المقدمة) حتى يعرف القارئ ما الذي ستناقشه.
- *يجب أن يشرح الجزء الرئيسي من المقال أفكارك.
- استخدم فقرة لكل فكرة، مع أدلة تدعم كل منها.
- ابدأ كل فقرة بجملة رئيسية، ولا تنسَ تضمين المصادر التي استخدمتها لدعم فكرتك.
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المحتوى

- يمكنك تضمين آراء الآخرين وشرح سبب اتفاقك أو عدم اتفاقك معها.
- تذكر أن تقدم حقائق فقط.
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GRAPHIC ORGANISER 1

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واضح

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Example Analytical Essay

مثال لمقال تحليلي يقدمه الدرس

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يجيب المقال على سؤال:

هل الذكاء الاصطناعي مفيد أم ضار للأطفال؟

The analyses of the paragraphs
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تحليل الفقرة الاولى

Sentence	Paragraph 1 : Introduce your topic	في الفقرة الاولى قدّم موضوعك حتى يعرف القارئ عمّا تتحدث
Topic Sentence/Introduction to Topic	Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to how computers can do tasks that are usually done by intelligent humans.	الجملة الافتتاحية: الذكاء الاصطناعي هو قدرة الحواسيب على أداء مهام يقوم بها البشر عادة. يعرّف الموضوع ويهيئ القارئ.
Supporting Detail 1	AI computers can now do amazing things, including writing songs, solving scientific problems, and finding cures for diseases.	تفصيل داعم: يمكن للذكاء الاصطناعي إنجاز أشياء مذهلة مثل تأليف الأغاني، حل المشكلات، والمساعدة في علاج الأمراض.
Supporting Detail 2	People are also using AI more and more in everyday life, and although it may make life easier, it could make things worse for children.	تفصيل داعم مع الانتقال الى التركيز: يُستخدم AI بكثرة يوميًا، وقد يسهل الحياة، لكنه قد يكون ضارًا - وخاصة على الأطفال
Background & Focus	[Explains the scope and sets up the focus: AI and children]	السياق والتركيز: يقدم خلفية عامة ويُحدد مجال التحليل الأساسي في المقال وهو: "الذكاء الاصطناعي وتأثيره على الأطفال".

Paragraph 2 (Body Paragraph) Analysis: REGULATED AI IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN

تحليل الفقرة الثانية

Sentence	Paragraph 2 State your first argument with evidence to support it.	قَدِّم حجتك الأولى مع دليل يدعمها
Topic Sentence	AI is already used by many forms of social media.	الجملة الافتتاحية: يُستخدم الذكاء الاصطناعي حالياً في العديد من وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي. (توضيح الفكرة الرئيسية للفقرة)
Supporting Detail 1	As with other forms of social media, AI can learn about its users' interests and hobbies, and that includes children.	تفصيل داعم: مثل وسائل التواصل الأخرى، يمكن للذكاء الاصطناعي أن يتعلّم اهتمامات وهوايات المستخدمين، ومن ضمنهم الأطفال.
Evidence (Source)	According to the website Net Positive, AI can even identify children's voices.	دليل مستند إلى مصدر: وفقاً لموقع Net Positive، يمكن للذكاء الاصطناعي حتى أن يتعرّف على أصوات الأطفال.
Implication / Analysis	This might mean children are directed to online advertising and content that their parents would not want.	التحليل والتأثير: قد يؤدي ذلك إلى توجيه الأطفال نحو إعلانات ومحتويات إلكترونية لا يرغب بها أولياء أمورهم.

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Paragraph 3 (Body Paragraph) Analysis: REGULATED AI IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN

Sentence	Paragraph 3 State your second argument with evidence to support it.	قدّم حجتك الثانية مع دليل يدعمها
Topic Sentence	However, some countries like Jordan are hoping to use AI sensibly.	الجملة الافتتاحية: مع ذلك، تأمل بعض الدول مثل الأردن في استخدام الذكاء الاصطناعي بشكل عقلائي. (تُمدّد لعرض رأي آخر أو مقارنة إيجابية)
Evidence (Source)	UNIDO reports that many industries have worked together to create a plan for using AI in the country's development over the next five years.	دليل مستند إلى مصدر: أفادت منظمة اليونيدو بأن العديد من القطاعات في الأردن تعاونت لوضع خطة لاستخدام الذكاء الاصطناعي خلال السنوات الخمس القادمة.
Supporting Detail	Jordan is in a good position for using AI as it is at the forefront of technology.	تفصيل داعم: الأردن في موقع جيد لاستخدام الذكاء الاصطناعي لأنه من الدول الرائدة في مجال التكنولوجيا.

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Paragraph 4 (Body Paragraph) Analysis: REGULATED AI IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN

Sentence	Paragraph 4: Include other people's ideas and explain why you agree/don't agree with them	اذكر آراء الآخرين مع شرح
Topic Sentence Other People's Ideas	The people looking into using AI in Jordan are hoping it will help in science, investment and government services.	آراء الآخرين: يأمل المختصون في الأردن أن يسهم الذكاء الاصطناعي في تطوير مجالات مثل العلوم والاستثمار والخدمات الحكومية.
Supporting Detail Concerns / Risks	However, there is a danger that this increased use of AI could result in <u>problems with online safety</u> if not controlled.	المخاوف: هناك خطر من أن يؤدي الاستخدام المتزايد للذكاء الاصطناعي إلى مشكلات في الأمان الإلكتروني إذا لم يتم التحكم فيه.
Supporting Detail Government Action	Consequently, the government plans to set up regulations to address these dangers and strictly control how it is used.	رد الفعل الرسمي: لذلك تخطط الحكومة لوضع قوانين وتنظيمات لمعالجة هذه المخاطر والتحكم في كيفية استخدام الذكاء الاصطناعي بشكل صارم.

From Exercise 5: Which idea is included that *the* writer does not fully agree with? Why?

Paragraph 5 (Body Paragraph) Analysis: REGULATED AI IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN

Sentences	Paragraph 5 : Other people's ideas continued	اذكر آراء الآخرين مع شرح (متابع)
Topic Sentence Other People's Concerns	Of course, some people are worried that students using AI might end up with incorrect work.	آراء معارضة: بالطبع، هناك من يقلق من أن استخدام الطلاب للذكاء الاصطناعي قد يؤدي إلى أعمال غير صحيحة.
Supporting Detail Reason for Concern	AI search engines do not always use reliable sources and so information provided by AI might be incomplete or even wrong.	سبب القلق: لا تستخدم محركات البحث المدعومة بالذكاء الاصطناعي دائمًا مصادر موثوقة، وبالتالي قد تكون المعلومات غير مكتملة أو خاطئة.

Paragraph 6 (Conclusion) Analysis: REGULATED AI IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN

Sentences	Paragraph 6: Conclusion	اكتب خاتمة تلخص ما قلته في المقال
Restatement & Opinion	We are still at an early stage in the development of AI and there is no doubt it is an exciting form of technology.	إعادة صياغة وتأكيد الرأي: ما زلنا في بداية تطوير الذكاء الاصطناعي، ولا شك أنه مجال تكنولوجي مثير.
Warning & Argument	However, without careful rules to control how it is used, and who it is used by, there are undoubted problems with it.	تحذير وتحليل: لكن دون وجود قوانين واضحة تنظم طريقة استخدامه ومن يستخدمه، فهناك مشاكل حتمية.
Focus on Children	Children themselves might find they are relying on a form of technology that in its present form should not always be trusted.	التركيز على الأطفال: قد يعتمد الأطفال على تكنولوجيا لا يمكن الوثوق بها تمامًا في شكلها الحالي.
Final Expert Support	As Time magazine argues in its article in July 2023, unless we start to control how we use AI, 'kids will be the biggest losers.'	دليل نهائي من مصدر موثوق: كما ذكرت مجلة Time في مقالها في يوليو 2023، "ما لم نبدأ في تنظيم كيفية استخدام الذكاء الاصطناعي، سيكون الأطفال هم الخاسرون الأكبر."

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Verb + preposition

combinations are used in analytical essays to refer to research, ideas, or evidence.

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They help writers show relationships between ideas and use formal, academic language.

تساعد الكاتب على توضيح العلاقة بين الأفكار و على استخدام لغة رسمية وأكاديمية.

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to	refer	refer to	يشير إلى
to	directed	directed to	موجه إلى
about	learn	learn about	يتعلم عن / يتعرف على

Ex.7 (Verb + Preposition) Structures in Use

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يتعلمون عن

2. Social media sites explain ways that parents can have control over their children's internet use.

يسيطرون على

3. We know that social media directs advertisements to its users.

يوجّه إلى

4. Too many children probably rely on social media to make friends.

يعتمدون على

7 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition in each gap.

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Ex 8 Model Analytical Essay about Social Media and Friendship

Title: Social Media and Modern Friendships

Social media has changed the way young people make and keep friends. Many teenagers now use apps like WhatsApp, TikTok, and Instagram to chat, share pictures, and connect with others. These platforms allow young people to have more friends in more places than ever before. But is this always a good thing? In this essay, I will explain why I believe social media is mostly a good thing for friendships when used carefully.

One benefit of social media is that it helps young people stay in touch with friends, even if they live far away. According to a report from Pew Research Center (2022), over 60% of teenagers say social media helps them feel closer to their friends. It allows them to message, send photos, and talk every day, even if they are in different cities or countries. This can make friendships stronger over time.

Social media also helps young people make new friends who have similar interests. For example, students who enjoy the same games, sports, or hobbies can find each other online and start conversations. This is helpful especially for shy students or those who live in small towns. According to UNICEF (2021), online platforms can reduce feelings of loneliness in teenagers by helping them feel more connected.

Some people believe social media friendships are not real or can be dangerous. They say people can lie about who they are online, and there are risks like cyberbullying. These concerns are real, and young people should be careful. However, I believe the answer is not to stop using social media but to teach students how to use it safely. Parents and schools should help young people learn about privacy settings, online respect, and how to block harmful content.

In conclusion, I believe social media is a good thing for friendships when it is used in the right way. It helps young people stay in touch with old friends and make new ones based on common interests. While there are some dangers, they can be reduced with good guidance. With support and smart use, social media can help young people build positive and lasting friendships.

8 Read the analytical essay question below. Do you agree or disagree? Research facts that can back up your argument.

- Social media is a good thing because young people have more friends in more places than ever before. Do you agree?

السؤال الذي يجاوبه المقال:
تعد وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي
شيئاً جيداً لأنها تتيح للشباب تكوين
صداقات أكثر وفي أماكن أكثر من
أي وقت سابق. هل توافق؟

9 **WRITING TASK** Write your essay. Use the Writing box and remember to use sources. Don't forget to only include facts and not opinions.
 Use the Graphic Organiser to help you plan your writing.

ترجمة النموذج للمقال التحليلي عن "وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي والصداقات الحديثة" Exercise 8

وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي والصداقة الحديثة

لقد غيّرت وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي الطريقة التي يُكوّن بها الشباب صداقات ويحافظون عليها. يستخدم العديد من المراهقين الآن تطبيقات مثل واتساب، وتيك توك، وإنستغرام للدردشة، ومشاركة الصور، والتواصل مع الآخرين. تتيح هذه المنصات للشباب أن يكون لديهم أصدقاء أكثر وفي أماكن أكثر من أي وقت مضى. لكن هل هذا دائماً أمر جيد؟ في هذا المقال، سأشرح لماذا أعتقد أن وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي مفيدة في الغالب للصداقة إذا استُخدمت بحذر.

من فوائد وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي أنها تساعد الشباب على البقاء على تواصل مع أصدقائهم، حتى لو كانوا يعيشون بعيداً. ووفقاً لتقرير من مركز بيو للأبحاث (2022)، يقول أكثر من 60٪ من المراهقين إن وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي تساعدهم على الشعور بالقرب من أصدقائهم. فهي تتيح لهم إرسال الرسائل، ومشاركة الصور، والتحدث يومياً، حتى وإن كانوا في مدن أو دول مختلفة. وهذا يمكن أن يجعل الصداقات أقوى مع مرور الوقت.

كما تساعد وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي الشباب على تكوين صداقات جديدة مع أشخاص يشاركونهم نفس الاهتمامات. على سبيل المثال، يمكن للطلاب الذين يحبون نفس الألعاب أو الرياضات أو الهوايات أن يجدوا بعضهم البعض عبر الإنترنت ويبدؤوا المحادثات. هذا مفيد خصوصاً للطلاب الخجولين أو الذين يعيشون في بلدات صغيرة. ووفقاً لليونيسف (2021)، يمكن للمنصات الإلكترونية أن تقلل من مشاعر الوحدة لدى المراهقين من خلال مساعدتهم على الشعور بمزيد من الترابط.

يعتقد بعض الناس أن صداقات وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي ليست حقيقية أو قد تكون خطيرة. فهم يقولون إن الناس قد يكذبون بشأن هويتهم عبر الإنترنت، وهناك مخاطر مثل التنمر الإلكتروني. هذه المخاوف حقيقية، ويجب على الشباب أن يكونوا حذرين. ومع ذلك، أعتقد أن الحل ليس في التوقف عن استخدام وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، بل في تعليم الطلاب كيفية استخدامها بأمان. يجب على الآباء والمدارس أن يساعدوا الشباب على التعرف على إعدادات الخصوصية، واحترام الآخرين على الإنترنت، وكيفية حظر المحتوى الضار.

في الختام، أعتقد أن وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي أمر إيجابي للصداقات إذا استُخدمت بالطريقة الصحيحة. فهي تساعد الشباب على البقاء على تواصل مع الأصدقاء القدامى وتكوين صداقات جديدة بناءً على الاهتمامات المشتركة. وعلى الرغم من وجود بعض المخاطر، يمكن تقليلها من خلال التوجيه الجيد. وبدعم واستخدام ذكي، يمكن لوسائل التواصل الاجتماعي أن تساعد الشباب على بناء صداقات إيجابية ودائمة.

Organization of 'Social Media and Modern Friendships' Analytical Model Essay-Exercise 8

هيكل المقال التحليلي النموذجي: "وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي والصداقات الحديثة"

GRAPHIC ORGANISER 1

An analytical essay
1.7A WRITING (An analytical essay)

1 Make notes in the boxes for each paragraph of your essay.

Paragraph 1
Introduce your topic so readers will know what you are talking about:

Paragraph 2
State your first argument with evidence to support it. Remember to start with a topic sentence and include any sources you researched to back up your idea:

Paragraph 3
State your second argument with evidence to support it. Remember to start with a topic sentence and include any sources you researched to back up your idea:

Paragraph 4
Include other people's ideas and explain why you agree/don't agree with them:

Paragraph 5
Write a conclusion to summarise what you have said:

2 In pairs, share your notes. Can you give your partner one suggestion on how to improve their plan?

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Paragraph	Element	Explanation (English)	الشرح
1 – Intro	Topic + Background	Introduces the social media topic and raises the question of its benefits for youth	تقديم موضوع وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي وطرح سؤال حول فائدتها للشباب
2 – Body Paragraph 1	First argument + evidence	Shows how social media builds friendships; supports it with research	يوضح كيف تساعد وسائل التواصل على بناء الصداقات، ويدعم ذلك بأدلة
3 – Body Paragraph 2	Second argument + evidence	Adds value of expression and inclusion; supports it with data	يبرز فائدة التعبير عن الذات والانتماء ويدعم ذلك ببيانات
4 – Others' views	Presents a counterpoint and responds to it	Acknowledges criticism and provides a thoughtful response	يذكر الآراء المعارضة ويرد عليها برد منطقي
5 – Conclusion	Summarizes and gives a final opinion	Restates the view: social media is good if used wisely	يُعيد التأكيد على الرأي: وسائل التواصل مفيدة إذا استُخدمت بحكمة

Paragraph Analysis of Ex 8 Essay 'Social Media and Modern Friendships'

تحليل فقرات المقال النموذجي عن "وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي والصداقات الحديثة"

Paragraph 1 – Introduction

Social media has changed the way young people make and keep friends.

[Topic sentence – introduces the topic]

Many teenagers now use apps like WhatsApp, TikTok, and Instagram to chat, share pictures, and connect with others. These platforms allow young people to have more friends in more places than ever before. But is this always a good thing? In this essay, I will explain why I believe social media is mostly a good thing for friendships when used carefully.

[Background + focus of the essay]

Paragraph 2 – First Argument: Positive Social Connections

Social media helps young people stay connected and form friendships with peers outside their immediate community.

[Topic Sentence – First argument]

According to a report by Pew Research Center (2022), more than 60% of teens say social media helps them feel more connected to what's going on in their friends' lives. Apps like Instagram and WhatsApp allow teens to support one another, share experiences, and celebrate milestones.

[Evidence – Reliable source]

For students in remote or rural areas, online platforms can reduce isolation and build global friendships.

[Analysis – Expands on the benefit]

Paragraph 3 – Second Argument: Opportunities for Inclusion and Expression

Social media provides a space where young people can express themselves and find support groups that match their identity or interests.

[Topic Sentence – Second argument]

Research by the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that social media plays a positive role in helping marginalized youth (such as LGBTQ+ students) find communities where they feel safe and heard.

[Evidence – Researched fact]

This kind of emotional support is often unavailable in offline environments, making social media a crucial tool for inclusion.

[Analysis – Emphasizes unique value of online connection]

Paragraph 4 – Opposing Viewpoint: Superficial or Harmful Friendships

However, some people argue that friendships formed on social media are shallow or even harmful.

[Topic Sentence – Other people's ideas]

Critics claim that online friendships lack real trust and depth, and that people can easily hide their true identity. Moreover, some teens face cyberbullying or peer pressure to behave in ways they normally wouldn't.

[Reason for disagreement]

While these concerns are real, the solution is not to avoid social media entirely, but to educate youth about safe online behavior and digital responsibility.

[Balanced view – Acknowledges but counters]

Paragraph 5 – Conclusion

In conclusion, while social media has risks, it also provides powerful tools for friendship and support across the world.

[Restates opinion]

When used responsibly, it allows young people to explore new cultures, build inclusive communities, and maintain meaningful connections.

[Summary + Final thought]

As long as young users are guided and supported, social media can be a very good thing for young people today.



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