

OPINION ESSAY: TOPIC: STARS AND FOOTBALLERS ARE PAID TOO MUCH MONEY

WRITING AN ENGAGING INTRODUCTION

Let's use a "**3-Sentence Formula**" to make it easy for you to remember and write. A good introduction only needs three clear parts:

1. **The Hook:** A simple question or a "Big Number."
2. **The Connection:** Say that people are talking about this.
3. **The Opinion:** Say what *you* think.

Step 1: The Hook	Step 2: The Connection	Step 3: Your Opinion
A. Did you know that some football players earn \$1 million a week?	1. This is a very common topic of discussion nowadays.	W. In my opinion, these stars are paid too much.
B. Is it right for a singer to be richer than a heart surgeon?	2. Many people today are worried about this situation.	X. I believe their salaries are far too high for what they do.
C. Is it fair that a footballer earns more in one day than a nurse in a year?	3. This has become a major debate in our society today.	Y. In my view, they deserve it because their careers are very short.
D. Nowadays, some famous singers earn millions for just one concert.	4. Many people have different opinions about this situation.	Z. From my perspective, they deserve high pay because they entertain millions of people.

Body Paragraph 1: The Main Argument

Goal: Introduce the first reason why you hold your opinion and provide a specific example.

Step	Task	Guided Template
1. Topic Sentence	Start with your first big reason.	"First of all/ To begin with /Firstly/One thing to consider"
2. The Expansion	Explain <i>why</i> this reason matters.	Use the connector "This is because.../Although" to explain your point in one sentence.
3. The Example	Give a real-life illustration.	Use the connector "For instance, ..." to mention a specific sport, movie, or celebrity.

Body Paragraph 2: Adding Detail

Goal: Provide a second reason and look at the "human" side of the issue (the effort or the impact on society).

Step	Task	Guided Template
Transition	Add a second, different point.	Furthermore/In addition...
2. The Support	Add more detail to your second point.	Use the connector "Moreover, ..." to add one more detail about their lifestyle or their hard work.
3. The Result	Show the consequence of this.	Use the connector "As a result, ..." to finish the paragraph by stating how this affects the world.

The Conclusion: The Final Word

Goal: Summarize the main points and leave the reader with a final thought.

Step	Task	Guided Template
1. Re-statement	Remind the reader of your opinion.	"To conclude/ In conclusion/ To sum up" (Re-write your opinion from the intro using different words).
2. Summary	Briefly mention your two reasons.	"After looking at [Reason 1] and [Reason 2], it is clear that"
3. Final Thought	A "Mic Drop" sentence for the reader.	Option A: "Perhaps in the future, salaries will be more balanced for everyone." Option B: "Ultimately, we pay for what we value most: entertainment."