

## Comment

### Was ist ein comment und wozu dient diese Anleitung?

*In vielen verschiedenen Textsorten fordern uns Aussagen und Inhalte zur Stellungnahme, zum Formulieren der eigenen Meinung in mündlicher oder schriftlicher Form heraus. Eine dieser Formen ist der personal **comment** (die persönliche Stellungnahme).*

**Diese Anleitung hilft dir dabei, einen strukturierten und logischen Comment auf Englisch zu schreiben und liefert dir wesentliche Fachtermini, die dazu notwendig sind.**

### How to proceed:

Usually the comment is divided into three parts:

1. **statement of opinion**
2. **argumentation**
3. **conclusion**

To make sure that your comment is logically structured, you should follow the **six steps** below:

1. Read the tasks and make sure you know what you have to do, e.g. if you have to discuss pros and cons or if you have to state your opinion.
2. Collect and group your ideas (e.g. in a mind map, table, list, grid).
3. Write your introductory statement.
4. Devote one paragraph to each of the arguments you want to present.
5. Make a concluding statement, in which you sum up your arguments.
6. Always proofread your text.

**Fächer:** Deutsch, Fremdsprachen  
**Jahrgang:**

## Useful phrases for a comment:

### Stating your Opinion

It seems to me that ...  
In my opinion, ...  
I am of the opinion that .../ I take the view that ...  
My personal view is that ...  
In my experience ...  
As far as I understand / can see, ...  
As I see it, ... / From my point of view ...

As far as I know ... / From what I know ...  
I might be wrong but ...  
If I am not mistaken ...  
I believe one can (safely) say ...  
It is claimed that ...  
I must admit that ...  
I cannot deny that ...

I can imagine that ...  
I think/believe/suppose ...  
Personally, I think ...  
That is why I think ...  
I am sure/certain/convicted that ...  
I am not sure/certain, but ...  
I am not sure, because I am not familiar with the situation.

I am not convinced that ...  
I have read that ...  
I am of mixed opinions (about / on) ...  
I am of mixed opinions about / on this.  
I have no opinion in this matter.

### Agreement

There are many reasons for ...  
There is no doubt about it that ...  
I simply must agree with that.  
author.

I am of the same opinion.  
I am of the same opinion as the author.  
I completely/absolutely agree with the

### Qualified Disagreement

It is only partly true that...  
I can agree with that only with reservations.  
That seems obvious, but ...

That is not necessarily so.  
It is not as simple as it seems.  
Under certain circumstances ...

### Disagreement

There is more to it than that.  
The problem is that ...  
I (very much) doubt whether ...  
This is in complete contradiction to ...  
What is even worse, ...

I am of a different opinion because ...  
I cannot share this / that / the view.  
I cannot agree with this idea.  
What I object to is ...  
Unlike the author I think ...

### Linking Arguments

First of all, I think ...  
Not only that, but I also think that ...  
Not only are they ..., they are also ...  
They are not ..., nor are they ...  
There are various/several/many reasons for this.  
First, ... / Firstly, ...  
Second, ... / Secondly, ...  
Moreover, ... / Furthermore, ... / In addition, ...  
Another significant point is that ...  
Finally, ...  
On the one hand, ... On the other hand, ...  
In contrast to this is ...

Because of ...  
That is why ...  
After all, ...  
The reason is that ...  
In that respect ...  
The result of this is that ...  
Another aspect/point is that ...  
It is because ...  
Although it is true that ... it would be wrong to claim that ...  
That may sometimes be true, but ...  
One could argue that ..., but ...