

Academic Opening

Opening - Introduction

English

In this essay/paper/thesis I shall
examine/investigate/evaluate/analyze...

General opening for an essay/thesis

Korean

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To answer this question, we begin by taking a closer
look at...

To introduce a specific area of a subject on which you shall focus

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The question, whether...has been preoccupying the
experts for some time.

General opening to introduce a subject

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It is a well-known fact that...

General opening to introduce a subject that is well-known

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A great deal is being written and said about...

General opening to introduce a subject

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It is generally agreed today that...

General opening to introduce a subject that is generally agreed upon, but which you would like to question

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We then review the factors...

Developing your opening to describe exactly what your thesis involves

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We build on this analysis to identify...

Developing your opening to describe exactly what your thesis involves

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A persistent theme in...is...

Introducing the main themes

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As an empirical phenomenon, ... has been observed
repeatedly.

To emphasize the importance of your study

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Against this background, the central question that motivates this paper is: ...

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Specific statement saying what your study is about, comes after general background information

This research explores the causes of...

... .

Specific statement of intention for your research

The authors of more recent studies have proposed that...

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Used to present the current academic thinking around your chosen subject

Our purpose is to...

... .

Used to state the main aims of the study

By empirically examining..., we hope to produce a more complete understanding of...

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Used to describe your method and introduce the central aspect of the study

Opening - Definition

English

Korean

By definition... means...

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Used to define a certain word

For the purposes of this essay, the term... will be taken to mean...

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Used to define a certain word

It is important to be clear about the definition of...

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Used to define a certain word

The term... refers to...

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Used to define a certain word

The standard model suggests that... can be defined as...

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Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

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According to..., ...is defined as...

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

...may be defined in many ways. Some people argue that the term denotes...

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

...is commonly understood to mean...

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

What we usually have in mind when we talk about... is...

Used to describe a word, for which a definition has been suggested, but leaves the possibility for personal interpretation

Two brief examples might clarify this concept.

A statement, after which you can use examples to define an idea

It is important to emphasize...

Used when wanting to draw attention to your definition

Our focus is on...

A casual way to define a certain word

Finally, we should clarify our definition of...

Used towards the end of a paragraph, in order to define a certain word

What we mean is that...

Used to further explain a definition or give examples of that definition

Several explanations have been offered.

A statement, after which you can further explain your definition

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We can characterize these explanations as being rooted in...

Used to clarify the basis for your definition

These explanations complement each other and help to illuminate the phenomenon of...

Used after having given two similar examples, which together can be used to define a word

Following..., scholars have argued that ...

Used when there is one clear expert in your field, but others have contributed towards his definition

Opening - Hypothesis

English

Korean

The central question then becomes: how might... affect...?

Used to present the main hypothesis

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Given this evidence for..., an examination of the factors that impact upon... seems warranted.

Used to present the main hypothesis

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Over a decade ago, ... and... started a debate centering on this question: whether...

Used to present the main hypothesis

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This research addresses... by developing and testing a series of hypotheses indicating how... affects...

Used to present the main hypothesis

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Thus, following the reasoning set forth by..., we hypothesize that...

Used to present the main hypothesis

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Some of these arguments have been formalized by..., but none have been tested.

Used to introduce the hypothesis and state that your study is unique

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The evidence from these studies suggests a variety
of factors related to...

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Used to present the factors relevant to your study and your hypothesis

...found a significant correlation between... and...

Used to point out someone else's work, which has relevance to your own
