

USEFUL PREPARATION

PART 3 — TALKING ABOUT ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES

Noun (+)	Noun (-)	Adjective (+)	Adjective (-)
advantages	disadvantages	advantageous	disadvantageous
benefits	drawbacks	beneficial	harmful
pros	cons	positive	negative
upsides	downsides	favourable	detrimental

Examples

One of the cons of this is the fact that...

This would be beneficial because...

One of the major downsides of this is...

This is extremely favourable because...

I feel that this is largely harmful because...

One of the main snags* of this idea is...

snags* = informal language

Remember that when you use 'One of the _____', it needs to be with a plural noun e.g. One of the major **downsides** of this is...'