

Writing a Balanced Argument

KS2 Activity Pack



Reminder: What Is a Balanced Argument?

A balanced argument looks at different points of view on an issue, providing arguments for and against. It presents a balanced set of arguments without leaning one way or the other.



When writing a balanced argument, it is important to remember that it doesn't matter whether you are for or against the issue to begin with. You must present both sides of the argument fairly.

Then, in the final paragraph, after balancing both sides of the argument, you can state which side you agree with.

Reminder; What Makes a Good Balanced Argument?

It needs:

- an introduction;
- opposing views of for and against;
- supporting evidence;
- a concluding paragraph that includes the writer's own opinion; to be interestingly written.

It should have:

- a mixture of causal conjunctions and adverbials.

It has to be:

- written in the third person (except final paragraph);
- written using formal and technical language.

Now you will begin to write your own balanced argument

Choose one of the topics from the list below

- Should girls be allowed to play with boys after the age of 12?
- Should dogs be banned from parks?
- Should school uniform be compulsory?
- Should all children be entitled to pocket money?
- Should children be limited to one hour of internet per day?

Use the structure below to plan your discussion. Use bullet points and phrases at this stage.

Writing a Discussion

What are you going to discuss?

Write three arguments **for** your discussion giving points and evidence for each one.

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Write three arguments **against** your discussion giving points and evidence for each one.

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Reminder; Useful Words and Phrases

Causal/contrasting conjunctions and adverbials

Here are some useful words and phrases to help you write your argument

Firstly	Secondly	On the one hand	As a result	Because
Consequently	Due to	For this reason	Hence	Thus
In consequence	In order to	In this way	Otherwise	An outcome of
Since	So that	Subsequently	Therefore	Although
Though	Even though	While	On the other hand	However
Despite this	Nevertheless	Otherwise	On balance	In conclusion

