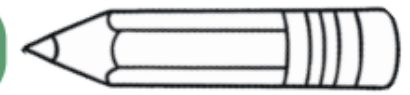




Balanced Arguments and Debates



Do your balanced arguments include...	
an introductory paragraph?	
reasons for and against the argument in separate paragraphs?	
most of the paragraphs written in the third person ?	
the final paragraph written in the first person and containing a personal opinion?	
subordinating conjunctions?	
fronted adverbials?	
formal vocabulary?	

Subordinating Conjunctions



Sentence Starters to Engage the Reader

- One of the main arguments is...
- After considering the arguments on both sides,...
- Some people think that...
- No one can deny that... Many people believe that...
- There is no doubt that...
- It is a fact that...
- Evidence suggests that...
- To conclude my balanced argument,...

Word Bank

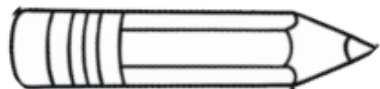
agree	allows	argue	argument
believe	conclude	debate	discussion
evidence	information	inform	present
recent	strongly	seriously	unbelievable

Fronted Adverbials

- **Additionally,**...
- **Finally,**...
- **For this reason,**...
- **In addition,**...
- **In my opinion,**...
- **On the other hand,**...
- **Previously,**...
- **Recently,**...
- **Surely,**...
- **To conclude,**...
- **Ultimately,**...
- **Unbelievably,**...

Third Person

she	he	they	themselves	it	itself
.....	him	his	her	hers	its	their



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Key Features

introductory paragraph

reasons for and against the argument

subordinating conjunctions

conclusion containing a personal opinion

fronted adverbials

formal vocabulary

third person

Should Pupils Wear School Uniforms?

Uniforms are worn during the week by many children across the world. **While** some people are in favour of having them, other people believe that they are not needed. This argument will look in detail at the reasons for and against the use of school uniforms.

One of the main arguments for pupils wearing a school uniform is that all children will look similar. Many people view this as a positive thing **because** it stops pupils from feeling uncomfortable if **their** clothes are not as expensive or fashionable as their friends'. **Furthermore**, some parents argue that having a school uniform makes life easier for them **because** they know exactly what **their** child will be wearing each day. **Ultimately**, this saves time for busy parents and stops arguments about the **suitability of certain clothing** for school. It is a fact that some adults have to wear a uniform for their job, such as police officers, nurses or paramedics. **For that reason**, many people believe it is a good idea for children to get used to wearing a uniform from an early age.



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On the other hand, some people argue that making children wear a uniform could **prevent** them from showing **their** personality. **In addition**, school uniforms can be expensive **if** they have to be bought from a certain shop. This could mean that some parents would not be able to afford a new uniform. Some school uniforms can also be uncomfortable **if** the material used is itchy or woolly. **It could be argued that** this would cause children to lose concentration in class.

After considering the arguments on both sides, I believe that school uniforms should be worn by pupils to create a sense of school community. **In my opinion**, I think that children should have some choice over the style of their uniform so that they can give their opinions about what would be most comfortable for them to wear during their school day.