



Discussion - Year 2

Purpose: Writing that presents both sides of an argument or issue

Examples: debate, balanced argument, writing to persuade, speeches

Prior Knowledge:

- Sentences demarcated correctly
- Conjunctions used to connect ideas
- Present tense
- People can have different viewpoints about the same topic

Key features

Conclusion	States the opinion after considering all the points.
First person	Writing events from his or her own point of view using the first person pronouns such as "I", "us", "our" and "ourselves".
Formal vocabulary	Used to depersonalise a text when the reader is someone we do not know.
Introduction	The first paragraph, giving brief information about the content.
Present tense	Actions which are currently happening
Third person	Writing from another person's point of view or as an outsider looking in.

Organisation, structure and effect

- Use an introductory paragraph to introduce the topic
- Reasons for and against the argument in separate paragraphs
- Present facts and evidence given to support each point.
- Sentence starters to engage the reader
- Write in the present tense
- Begin to show a balance in points 'for' and 'against'.
- Give a simple personal reflection in a conclusion.